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Feeling the tax bite

The 'Big City' feel hits taxpayers hard

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

It used to be that living in a small Magic Valley community meant forking over less money to the government than living elsewhere in Idaho.

Not anymore. Recent growth in south-central Idaho — the region has 70 percent more people than in 1978 — has forced cities to make drastic changes in how they provide services, and the average family is now paying nearly identical utility rates and property taxes as in Boise. The smaller cities have experienced similar spikes, although living out in the county remains a cheaper option.

The *Times-News* reviewed utility rates and property tax rates in a dozen Idaho cities, including seven in the Magic Valley. The amounts were based on a home value of \$152,492, which is the median home price in Twin Falls, according to city officials.

Twin Falls and its population of more than 40,000 pay more than Boise's overall tax bite of \$1,705 for the average family. But it still falls short of cities comparable in size — and even some of its neighbors.

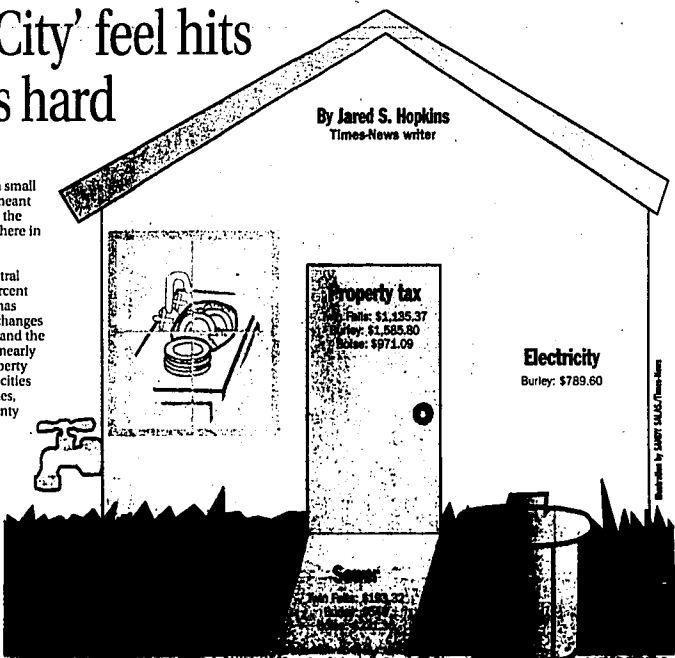
In some cases, Magic Valley cities smaller than Twin Falls — Filer and Kimberly, for example — have even greater average tax totals, primarily because of expensive upgrades to their utility systems.

In Twin Falls, the average homeowner will pay \$1,807 in combined property taxes and utility fees this year, according to 2007 tax rates and utility rates that went into effect Oct. 1.

The city of Twin Falls, however, uses more water — and as a result homeowners pay more. Its average monthly water use is 15,000 gallons per month. Boise, which contracts its water management, averages 11,600 gallons; Pocatello, which is larger than Twin Falls, averages 12,000 gallons' and kerome averages 6,000.

"It is high in comparison to the rest of the world," said Twin Falls Finance Director Gary Evans said. "We live in a desert

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Annual Idaho cities utility costs and property taxes

City	Property Tax	Electricity	Water	Gas	Other	Total
Twin Falls City	\$1,807	\$789.60	\$1,135.37	\$1,585.80	\$971.09	\$5,308.86
Twin Falls County	\$1,807	\$789.60	\$1,135.37	\$1,585.80	\$971.09	\$5,308.86
Boise	\$1,705	\$789.60	\$1,135.37	\$1,585.80	\$971.09	\$5,206.86
Idaho Falls	\$1,807	\$789.60	\$1,135.37	\$1,585.80	\$971.09	\$5,308.86
Other cities

McCain health plan calls for shopping around

By Kevin Freking
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — John McCain's health plan would bring about a dramatic shift in how millions of people get health insurance coverage. He would let people shop around for plans offered by insurers in other states. New Yorkers could look in Alabama, for example, or any other state when shopping for coverage.

"Why not? Don't we go across state lines when we purchase other things in America?" McCain asks.

The idea sounds simple, but has huge implications.

Consider this: Cervical cancer screenings, contraceptives and diabetic supplies are just some of the benefits that health insurers in New York must cover when serving customers there. New York also requires insurers to accept people regardless of pre-existing health conditions and without charging them higher premiums.

The state has some of

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At a glance
A look at the presidential candidates' health care proposals:



John McCain:
\$2,000 refundable tax credit for individuals, \$5,000 for families, to make health insurance more affordable. No mandate for universal coverage. Would no longer shield from income taxes those payments that businesses and their workers make toward employer-sponsored health insurance. The Policy Center estimates overall plan's cost at \$1.3 trillion over 10 years.



Barack Obama:
Mandatory coverage for children, no mandate for adults. Aim for universal coverage by requiring long-term-care insurance to share costs of health care. Obama's plan for universal coverage would require that all Americans have health insurance by 2014. Obama's plan for universal coverage would require that all Americans have health insurance by 2014.

Fire-charred New Mexico mountains fuel policy debate

By Susan Sharkey Bryan
Associated Press writer

DARQUE, N.M. — Nearly 30 years ago, a piece of property along a twisting dirt road in the heart of the Manzano Mountains caught Paul Davis' eye.

With a stream on one side and an expansive hill covered with towering pines on another, the spot seemed like the perfect place to build his family's home.

"This was a natural meadow to the insurance company actually thought it was well protected when they came out. I didn't clear any trees around the backside at all or that side," Davis said, pointing to an area of the now-blackened landscape where his home once stood.

The house was one of six destroyed by a lightning-sparked wildfire in June. The fire broke out in the central New Mexico mountains

in seven months. Each time, hundreds of residents were forced from their homes.

Environmentalists point to the Manzanos as an example of why the nation needs to change its thinking about wildfire preparation and the circumstances under which the federal government pays to put out the flames.

Bryan Bird, wildplaces program director for WildEarth

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First Mexican consul sets up shop in Idaho

By Anneli L. Bauer
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The newest Mexican consulate on United States soil consists of a couple of folding tables, an office copier, a fax machine and an eager diplomat named Ricardo Pineda. Less than a month into the job, Pineda is head of a consulate that was presided by an Idaho congressman long before the Mexican govern-

ment appointed him to run it.

A small Mexican flag is perched on the window sill of his temporary office in Boise, where the 45-year-old Mexico City native is preparing to open a permanent consulate in December.

"We haven't had any representation here," Pineda said. "We've got to test the waters."

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MORNING BRIEFING

Sweet 15

Quinceañeras mark Latino girls' coming of age.

From April to October, journalists Meagan Thompson and Pat Marcantonio documented Magic Valley girls' quinceañera parties and masses, in a special package of photos, stories, videos and multimedia slideshows. Follow the girls as they enter new eras in their lives. Coming next week in Family Life and Magicvalley.com.



• The power and magnificence of the Snake River are on display at the Calderon Linn, where the river funnels through a narrow gorge. The grade down is a bit tricky with hairpin turn, but the scenery is worth it. Take Interstate 54, hit the Valley Road exit between Eden and Hazelton. Drive south on Valley Road for three miles, until the pavement swings left (east) onto 1300 South. After just over two miles, turn right (south) toward Murtagh. Follow the signs from there. Learn more: www.magicvalley.com/projects/riverof-stone/

• Crosstoberfest features the 2008 Idaho State Championship Cycle Cross Road races, raffles, prizes, tuning clinic, Bavarian food, music, activities for the kids, and beer and wine garden for mom and dad. It goes from 11 a.m. until dark at River Run Plaza at the base of Bald Mountain. It's a free event.

• Or for another view of nature, head to the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey in Boise for demonstrations of falconry techniques with live flying at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., weather permitting. Admission is \$5 for adults.

• \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for ages 4 to 16. Members get in free. Tours of the Archives of Falconry are available at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. For info call 362-8687. To get there, from I-84, take the Cole Road exit and go south six miles on Cole Road and Flying Hawk Lane. The visitors' center features lots of great displays. An easy drive and it's interesting.

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 pat@magicvalley.com.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Douglas Jones' and Ron Barnett's musical "Jack and the Beanstalk," suitable for ages pre-school and older; presented by Company of Fools, 3 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Haley, tickets: \$20 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (62 and over) and \$10 for children (18 and under), 578-9122.

BUSINESS

Twin Falls Flea Market, with penny jar to support Saint Jude's Children Hospital for children with cancer or other catastrophic diseases, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., National Guard Armory, 312-4900.

SEASONAL EVENTS

Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch, includes old-fashioned hay ride through field of jack o' lanterns, family games and activities, 1 to 5 p.m. (each weekend until Nov. 1), B&G Produce, Poleline Road, Filer, 8-3/8 miles west of Costco, \$4 for adults and \$3 for children, (weekday tours available by reservation), 326-4935.

The 6th annual College of Southern

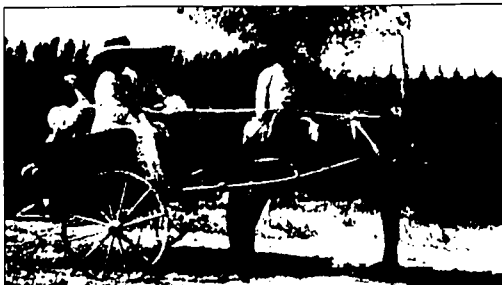
Idaho's Horticulture Club Corn Maze fundraiser, flashlight suggested, 5 to 10 p.m. nightly, northwest corner of C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, \$3 for adults, \$2 for students with activity cards and no cost for children age 6 and under, (club selling hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, hot chocolate and more), day tours may be arranged, 732-6431.

SPORTS

Crosstoberfest, featuring the 2008 Idaho State Championship Cycle Cross Road Races, raffles and great prizes including Scott Cross Bike, Stocchi Skis, Bavarian fare and more, 11 a.m. until dark, River Run Plaza, base of Bald Mountain, Sun Valley, no admission fee, Powerhousefitstudio.com.

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 strowne@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.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



The Twin Falls Public Library is trying to find an original print of this photo, which is captioned: 'A Shetland pony, "Bossie Boy," pulls a cart in which books were collected for the first public library in Twin Falls. In the cart are Mrs. Joseph H. Seavey, Sr., center, who was instrumental in establishing the first library here, her young son, Joseph, Jr., and an English tripper. Standing under the tree is another of Mrs. Seavey's sons, William Seavey.' (Photo courtesy Mrs. I. H. Seavey, Sr. — staff engraving)

Fire

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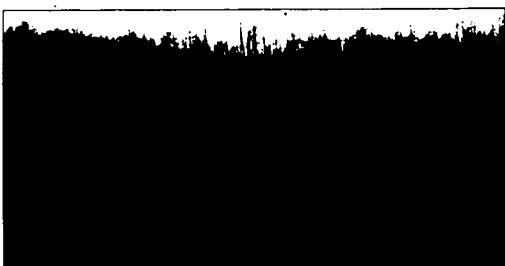
Guardians, contends that land management agencies are throwing a lot of money at ineffective thinning projects and efforts to suppress most fires on forest land.

"I think we need to completely reassess that approach to fire-prone forests, especially with climate change and the unpredictability and uncertainty about the future of forests and how fire is going to behave," he said during a recent tour of the burned area.

Experts agree that fire seasons across the nation are lasting longer, blazes are burning hotter, and federal, state and local firefighting budgets are getting smaller. The three Manzano fires cost the Forest Service more than \$9 million. Nationally, the agency has said spending on fires could reach \$1.6 billion this year, about half its budget.

While federal land management agencies have long recognized the need to allow fire to burn in some areas, the problem is transferring that philosophy to decision-making on the ground, said Stephen Pyne, a professor at Arizona State University who teaches courses on wildfire history and management.

Pyne said more than three decades have passed since the Forest Service and National Park Service began changing their policies to restore fire to the landscape



The scars from the Big Spring Fire remain on the Manzano Mountains near Teton, N.M., on Aug. 6.

and include it as a management tool. "It's not a case of whether we burn or we suppress, that's not an issue any more. That's over," said Pyne, who began his career as a firefighter on the Grand Canyon North Rim in the late 1960s and went on to do fire planning for the National Park Service before turning to writing and teaching.

He said land managers cannot apply a one-size-fits-all approach to fire management. "To use a medical analogy, there are number of treatments — a little surgery, drugs, exercise, a mixtures of things," Pyne said.

The Oregon-based nonprofit Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics and Ecology said the federal government will be taking a step in the

right direction next year as it begins to implement the "Appropriate Management Response" policy for all federal lands. The policy calls for fire officials to consider multiple objectives and strategies and when managing a fire — for example, suppressing the flames on one side while letting them burn on the other.

"The new policy change recognizes that it is simply not humanly possible to attack all wildfires in all places at all times," said Timothy Ingalsbee, executive director of FUSEE. "We must learn to work with and use the benefits of fire where we must, but become far more strategic and selective in the places and methods we choose to commit firefighters

to aggressive suppression."

Shifting gears can't happen soon enough, according to Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M. He said wildfires have charred some 58 million acres — or 90,000 square miles — across the nation in the past seven years.

"We are spending more, managing less, burning more and as a result, having to cut funds to other important resource programs such as recreation, fisheries and wildlife to battle these wildfires," Domenici said.

In the Manzanos and elsewhere, decades of mismanagement have resulted in overgrown forests that make reintroducing fire a difficult task, said Arlene Perce, a fire information officer with the Mountain Ranger District.

The district has used prescribed fire and mechanical thinning, but Perce said the agency has not been able to keep up the forest because of the home scattered throughout the area,

Health

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the best consumer protections around, but those protections come at a price. Few insurers offer coverage in New York's individual health insurance market. The ones that do have pricey monthly premiums. Now shift to Alabama, identified as having among the fewest consumer protections of any state. Dozens upon dozens of plans offer coverage at a much lower cost. The trade-off: Insurers can reject applicants with previous illnesses and there's no mandatory coverage of cervical cancer screenings, treatment of eating disorders, or 90-day waiting periods for health insurance benefits that New Yorkers get.

Health care experts say McCain's plan would make it easier for younger and healthier people to shop around for affordable health insurance coverage. That's a huge goal: Nearly half the nation's uninsured adults are ages 19-34.

But people with health troubles could have more trouble obtaining coverage. Because of their preexisting health conditions, they would not have the luxury of buying coverage in the least-regulated states. They would be stuck with plans in the most-regulated states, where premiums would increase if younger, healthier people went elsewhere for coverage.

"In the long run, what you'll end up with are fairly bare-bone policies sold to the healthy," said Len Nichols, a health economist at the New America Foundation, which is pushing

for universal medical coverage.

The concept of letting people shop for insurance across state lines applies to the individual health insurance market, which now serves about 17 million people. The market consists largely of those without access to insurance through their employers, but it's a market McCain is trying to strengthen through changes in the tax code. Under his plan, people would get the same tax break — a \$2,500 credit for individuals or a \$5,000 credit for families — regardless of whether they got insurance through work or purchased it directly.

Now, tax breaks primarily help those with employer-sponsored coverage. Employer and employee payments toward health insurance are excluded from income and payroll taxes. McCain would treat those payments as taxable wages and an income tax would be applied to them for the first time.

Polling conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation suggests people feel a good deal of attachment to getting their insurance through employers. About 61 percent of those surveyed felt that shopping on their own would make it harder to find a plan that meets their needs; only 15 percent said it would be easier. In addition, 81 percent of respondents thought it would be harder to get a good price for their health insurance if they were to buy health insurance on their own.

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Taxes

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and people have learned to like green lawns, and I think because water has been cheap."

The overall tax impact per household, in other cities of comparable size:

- Coeur d'Alene, population 42,267: \$1,290
- Caldwell, population 39,889: \$2,031
- Idaho Falls, population 53,279: \$1,949
- Pocatello, population 54,572: \$2,355

Bill Jarocki, Director of the Environmental Finance Center at Boise State University, points to three reasons why cities levy different rates.

First, there is the base cost in building infrastructure. Regardless of its population, a city often must pay the same investment amount to upgrade water, sewers, utilities or equipment. Such is the case in Filer, where residents who will pay a combined tax impact of \$2.34 per household are adjusting to a \$40 sewer rate after residents approved a \$12.5 million bond issue two years ago.

It's not like you have something less than the base model car. You have to start with the base model car," said Jarocki, whose center assists cities in planning costs, particularly for meeting environmental standards. "You just don't have as many people sharing this base cost, so it's high at the beginning."

But then, he said, communities identify their problems and solve them differently due to different management styles and funding mechanisms.

"The one charging the higher rate is going to be better off paying for things in the long run," he said. "The one not paying for things as they go is expecting somehow those things will cost less in the future, which is probably a bad bet."

Life isn't necessarily easier on your wallet in smaller cities.

In Kimberly, hostile crowds assailed the city council recently when officials increased monthly utilities by 50 percent, to \$75. Their combined overall tax bills are now \$2,124 — thanks to a levy rate that's higher than Twin Falls.

"Maybe you go to Kimberly because you get a house cheaper," Jarocki said. "But your income is lower, too, and if the tax load is the same you really haven't benefited by going to the small town."

City officials and experts say it's nearly impossible to compare utility rates among cities. Each has distinct needs, different populations and its own funding systems devised by city management.

"We're all unique because every city out there to a degree kind of grew like topsy," said Evans. "You've got to do different things to provide water and sewer and that's based on a lot of factors."

Utility and property tax totals are always on the minds of prospective homeowners, according to local Realtors.

"They generally want to know what the taxes are and lots of times they've already looked at them," said Mike Shaw, an agent at Prudential Idaho Homes and Properties in Twin Falls whose clients

Year	Population	Per Household Tax
2008	54,572	\$2,355
2007	53,279	\$1,949
2006	52,000	\$1,800
2005	50,700	\$1,650
2004	49,400	\$1,500
2003	48,100	\$1,350
2002	46,800	\$1,200
2001	45,500	\$1,050
2000	44,200	\$900
1999	42,900	\$750
1998	41,600	\$600
1997	40,300	\$450
1996	39,000	\$300
1995	37,700	\$150
1994	36,400	\$0
1993	35,100	\$0
1992	33,800	\$0
1991	32,500	\$0
1990	31,200	\$0
1989	29,900	\$0
1988	28,600	\$0
1987	27,300	\$0
1986	26,000	\$0
1985	24,700	\$0
1984	23,400	\$0
1983	22,100	\$0
1982	20,800	\$0
1981	19,500	\$0
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Source: cities and counties

have a wide-range of incomes. "Buyers now are so internet savvy. Often times they've already gone onto the chamber's Web site or checked out the cost of utilities."

The city of Boise — in one the nation's fastest growing regions — has a lower tax rate than most cities in the Magic Valley. But officials said Boise's higher home values, plus the abundance of commercial real estate in the area, balances out the lower rate.

Living in an unincorporated area inevitably brings in smaller charges. Property tax is about \$813 in Jerome County immediately surrounding the city, about \$60 less than in city limits, where homeowners also have to pay \$525 in utilities. But living in the county means having a well, handling your own sewer and paying for garbage to be hauled away.

And geography plays a role.

In Castletford, officials had to remove arsenic from drinking water, and Twin Falls has to treat its own water.

But in Jerome, those mandates aren't as crucial, since its water naturally has lower arsenic levels. Evans noted that while studies routinely find water use in Twin Falls higher than the national average, the rates assessed to homeowners are much lower.

"You don't charge more than it's costing you and some of these other cities have had to do more enhancements to their systems more recently and they're paying for that," Evans said. "We've got projects in front of us. We're just trying to make it easier on people."

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Consul

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Pineda was tested himself when he took over the Mexican consulate in San Diego last year, two months before wildfires ravaged southern California and destroyed more than 2,000 homes from north of Los Angeles to south of San Diego.

Pineda helped coordinate relief efforts for Mexicans and evacuate immigrants who didn't want to leave after hearing rumors that immigration authorities had established checkpoints along evacuation routes, said Alberto Lozano, a former spokesman for the San Diego consulate who now works at the Mexican Embassy in Canada.

"Every immigrant was scared," Lozano said. "The role of Ricardo was crucial. He had the initiative to send officials to each and every shelter to speak with a great number of Mexicans who were affected by the fires."

Later that year, Pineda would go up against U.S. Border Patrol and insist agents stop firing tear gas and pepper-spray weapons across the border into Mexico. The agency said it was trying to repel an increasing number of attacks by assaulters hurling rocks, bottles and bricks after stepped-up security made it harder for smugglers to cross the border.

Pineda worked with local, federal and Mexican gov-



Mexican consulate Ricardo Pineda stands in his temporary office on Thursday in Boise.

ernments to increase patrols and prevent further attacks, Lozano said.

"It was a touchy situation, he was mitigating between all the parts and I think he succeeded," Lozano said. "Our first and most important duty is to protect our people whatever the circumstance is. I think he didn't forget that."

San Diego ties with New York City as the third largest Mexican consulates in the country and handles more than 5,000 cases a year, Lozano said. In Idaho, Pineda expects to handle about 200 cases a year.

"There was a lot of everyday issues that we're not going to have in

Boise," Pineda said. But there are different challenges.

Rep. Bill Sali, R-Idaho, pleaded with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in March to delay approval of the Mexican consulate in Idaho until the government could guarantee the office wouldn't aid illegal immigrants.

The consulate was approved despite the objection and Pineda was assigned

here in August, arriving just in time to celebrate Mexican Independence Day on Sept. 15. Mexico will have 50 consulates nationwide with the approval of offices in Idaho and Alaska this year.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates 129,511 Mexicans live among Idaho's 1.5 million residents.

The Boise consulate will also serve Montana and provide identification for Mexicans living abroad.

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I liked it better when life was dull

"May you live in interesting times."
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him live on KLDX-1310 AM at 8:30 a.m. Fridays or on the Web at www.magicvalley.com/opinion.

Talked to an old college roommate the other day. He now works for a big Midwestern university, investing its endowment fund.

Jeff told me he keeps a bottle of ibuprofen on his desk these days, right next to a bottle of Pepto-Bismol.

"The Pepto is for when I take too many ibuprofen," he explained.

Jeff's undergraduate degree is in paleontology — the study of prehistoric life — but he found the work dull. So he went back to college and got a master's degree in business administration so he could get into the exciting world of playing with other people's money.

Be careful what you wish for.

"I'd give anything to be on my hands and knees in the middle of Montana again, chasing up fossiliferous dinosaur droppings with a trowel and a toothbrush," he sighed.

Just so. Life is way too interesting nowadays.

So much so that I've been yearning lately for late 1950s and early '60s. Living through that decade was like watching paint dry.

Yet the guy at the service station checked your oil and washed your windshield. President Eisenhower, his aviator sunglasses barely discernible on black-and-white television, offered soothing reassurance from time to time. And hula-hoops were the edgiest game in town.

Having outlived the Cold War, Vietnam War, two Gulf wars, Watergate, the late '60s, disco and six recessions, I've decided that interesting times aren't all that fun.

When I was a kid, I heard a Baptist preacher say that God punishes us with tumultuous times because we complain so much when things are monotonous. He was right.

It's human nature to get up to mischief when we're bored, which perfectly explains the economic crisis of 2008.

"Derivatives?" "Mark-to-market accounting?" "Credit default swaps?" These were invented by stockbrokers who spent far too much time making paper airplanes and scheduling spa appointments.

In the heyday of Enron, its accountants were said to have made up the rules as they went along. Clearly, these were people who spent far too much time making paper airplanes and scheduling spa appointments.

My Uncle Paul tended sheep in the Three Creeks area during the Great Depression. The job was so dull that he got to know the coyotes on a first-name basis.

Meanwhile, the civilized world was going to hell, even in Twin Falls there were Hoovervilles, soup kitchens and bank failures.

Somehow, I think Uncle Paul enjoyed the 1930s more than folks in town did.

Too bad Master Rogers has passed on. He'd have made a great president for interesting times.

Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223. Hear



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Area schools attempt to keep kids off of drugs

By Damon Hunziker
Times-News writer

Red Ribbon Week. Say it aloud — a few times quickly. Now imagine how much more difficult it would be to say if you were on high on drugs.

That's what the Red Ribbon Coalition is trying to stop. One of many national-awareness weeks, parents and teachers across the nation, during the last full week in October, will be using myriad methods of keeping kids off of drugs.

"Every school pretty much does their own thing. It may be an assembly or various activities," Cassia School Superintendent Gaylen Smyer said. "Often, it's about signing a commitment letter about staying off of drugs, but it's taken on a broader context as we're seeing more abuse of prescription drugs."

Thursday morning, students from Burley High School will be extending the message to third-graders at Dworshak and Mt. View elementary schools.

According to Ron Jones of Positive Connections, a Burley substance-abuse prevention agency, the students will distribute "drug-free coloring books" and many people will be wearing red ribbons to demonstrate awareness.

"It's important for younger students to realize that they're going to live healthier and longer lives by being drug-free," Smyer said. "Even at the third-grade level, there are things they see around themselves, like alcohol and tobacco, that become legal as they get older — but, again, it extends beyond things we've normally associated with drug abuse."

When asked if ribbons and coloring books are more symbolic than substantive, Smyer said, "Lots of times we use things that we think people can identify — and that may be of help, but I'm just not sure."

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Surveys will ask Mountain Home residents about college needs

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Mountain Home officials are planning to survey residents about the higher education needs of the community, and that may lead to the College of Southern Idaho bringing courses there.

City and college officials said that discussions about that possibility are preliminary and much more research is needed before any decisions are made either way. John Miller, the instructional dean overseeing off-campus education for CSI, sent a draft of a survey this week to Ron Swearingen, director of economic development for Mountain Home.

"They really at this point need to get a good sense of what the community wants and needs," Miller said. "We're going to do everything we can to assist in that."

For now, CSI is only providing technical assistance with the community needs survey, and it's unknown what will happen beyond that, Miller said, adding that the college is glad to help Mountain Home in the process. The city first approached CSI to talk about the issue earlier this year.

Swearingen said the city needs to get a sense of the types of classes that people are interested in, adding that the survey will likely be sent out with water bills.

He wants to get survey results during the winter and have community outreach meetings for more input.

"I would think by this coming spring, we would have a real sense of what we want to do," he said.

Tim McMurtrey, superintendent of Mountain Home School District, said he would like to see the college offer complete, struc-

ture programs that will enable students to get two-year degrees in areas like nursing.

"We're really excited about that opportunity for our students to be able to attend a two-year program," he said.

adding that CSI courses would benefit residents in the whole community, not just high school students.

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 Senad Cerimovic, 20, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, under age 21; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; two days work detail; driving privileges suspended 305 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.
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 Sreto Prodrzevic, 63, Twin Falls, driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, 10 days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 900 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.
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Wyatt Crumrine, 2, gets his face painted by College of Southern Idaho student Kandra Wahaman while on an outing with Grandna Dana Mikeseil Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls. The College of Southern Idaho Physical Education Program sponsored its third-annual Great Pumpkin Race 5K Run/Walk and One Mile Youth Challenge at the CSI campus. To purchase reprints go to <http://gallery.pictopia.com/magicvalley/>

Racing for pumpkins

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Runners and walkers raced and trotted around the campus of the College of Southern Idaho Saturday morning, as prizes of pumpkins for the first-place winners awaited them.

Participants 13 and older were in the third-annual Great Pumpkin Race 5K Run/Walk, which took them on a 3.1-mile stretch of exercise. Youngsters 8- to 12-years-old were in the Competitive Youth Challenge part of the event, a one-mile race.

Youngsters dressed in Halloween costumes also walked around the college, picking up candy along the way. The events help raise money for CSI's physical education program, which will use the registration fees to buy replacement

exercise equipment.

About \$1,500 to \$1,700 was raised Saturday, said Jaime Tighe, a physical education instructor who helped organize the event. More than 100 people attended.

"It's fantastic," she said. "It's really exciting to see all these people come out."

Runners drank water and cheered their comrades who crossed the finish line behind them.

"It was tiring, but it was fun," said Ricky Aguayo of Twin Falls, 20. "It went quick. It's not like in track where you run in circles."

Bunning enthusiasts of all ages came to the event. Bill Greene of Twin Falls has been running for exercise for almost 40 years.

"It's a fountain of youth for me," he said. "I'm 62 years old and in great shape."

The youngsters in costumes brought a colorful mix

of fairies, princesses and Star Wars storm troopers to the campus.

Members of CSI's dance and cheer team passed out candy to them.

"We had a lot," said Jordy Admire, a cheerleader on the team. "We had eight to 10 bags of candy."

Students with CSI's honors program gave out candy and did face-painting for students.

Dana Mikeseil of Twin Falls had a yellow sun painted on her cheek while her twin grandsons watched. In a couple minutes, Henry Crumrine, 2, had a heart and flower on his face to go with his hot dog costume and his twin, Wyatt, dressed in a pigeon outfit, started a star and smiley face.

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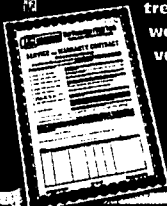
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(Twin Falls prices as of Friday)

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ABOVE-AVERAGE PUMP PAIN

As residents of south-central Idaho allege price fixing, state officials say their hands are tied

By Joshua Palmer
 Times-News writer

Camela Almerada curses gas stations from her minivan in south-central Idaho.

The single mother of two spends more than \$180 a week for gas to travel from Twin Falls to Pocatello, where she attends classes at Idaho State University.

"She understands that gas prices rise and fall based on supply and demand, but she believes fuel prices in south-central Idaho play by different rules. "I do a lot of traveling for work and school, and it's easy to see that prices here are giving someone huge profits," she said. "It's infuriating that someone is taking advantage of us."

Almerada isn't the only resident of the region who is suspicious of regional gas prices, which are about 10 percent higher than the state average.

Barry Peterson, who owns a rock quarry in Oakley, cringes when he adds up his fuel bills. Peterson said he now believes that it's less expensive to buy fuel in Pocatello and truck it himself to Oakley.

"I've done the math and I figure that I could save a few thousand a year in fuel costs," he said. "I want to know why it's cheaper for someone like me to buy and

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 Idaho's average as of Friday
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Why follow the fuel price ... again?

Stories about fuel prices are written each year as prices rise and fall.

So why write about it again? Well, mainly it was my readers who asked me to look into the issue. But I also felt that there was an untold story — a story about lawmakers and state agencies trying to investigate allegations of price fixing about three years ago.

That effort received little notice, so state efforts ended abruptly.

Lawmakers tend not to act unless their constituents support the change. The problem was that few citizens seemed aware of proposals to look into fuel prices — therefore they couldn't actively participate in the legislative process.

That's really what this story is about — giving readers the information they need to guide their legislators.



— Josh Palmer

Following the fuel in south-central Idaho*



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High levels of volatility show fear's role in stock markets

By Russ Iler
 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The market's wild hour-by-hour swings have come to exemplify the turbulence of the financial crisis, but they're still puzzling for many market professionals.

The Dow Jones industrial average now routinely travels hundreds of points in a matter of hours, only to reverse direction in many cases. During a single day earlier

this month, the Dow spanned 1,000 points for the first time in history. On another, a 400-point rally during the last hour of trading sent the Dow to a historic 936-point gain.

During the final hour of trading Monday, the Dow surged more than 100 points.

Financial analysts suggest that the sharp ups and downs reflect investors' uncertainty about how quickly the financial crisis can be resolved and whether a recession will sweep from the banking sector to

"Psychology and emotion are a big part of what moves the market. We are clearly in a highly emotional and schizophrenic point."

— Andrew Brooks, head of stock trading at T. Rowe Price

other parts of the economy. Precipitous gains and losses have also been triggered as stocks reach pre-set selling or buying levels, prompting automated trading and causing investor whiplash, ana-

lysts said.

The largest swings have often occurred during the last hour of trading, prompting a closer look by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, a nongovernmen-

tal regulator of securities firms. The end of the trading day is when institutional investors, including hedge funds and mutual funds, rush to meet client demands to pull cash out of the market, analysts said.

The gyrations have turned even seasoned market professionals into jittery investors, waiting for a new tidbit that will turn the market's mood and start a stampede in either direction. "Psychology and emotion are

a big part of what moves the market," said Andrew Brooks, head of stock trading at T. Rowe Price. "We are clearly in a highly emotional and schizophrenic point."

The Chicago Board Options Exchange's Volatility Index, known as VIX, has become a daily ticker of investor anxiety. VIX measures the degree to which investors expect stocks to swing and is often called the "fear gauge." It

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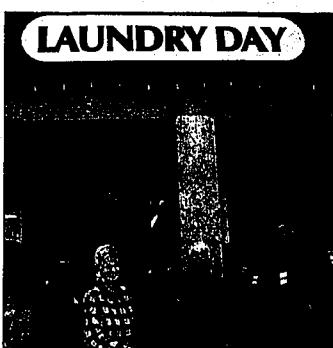
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SENIOR CENTER



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Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center located at 530 Shoshone St. W. in Twin Falls recently cut the red ribbon with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Meredith Humphreys is the new director and has brought new ideas with her for the senior center including Glasnook Roll Wednesday's, Take Out a fresh cooked homemade meal to go or stay, computers for public use, and their conference room is open to the public for rental. Information: 734-5084.

LAUNDRY DAY



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Laundry Day at 671 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls recently cut the red ribbon joined by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Laundry Day is a member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Bonnie and Emery Harmon can make a busy life a little easier. Patrons can drop off their laundry and pick it up when it is done or stop by Laundry Day and do it themselves in the sparkling clean facility. Information: 733-3814.

WEBDOG SERVICES



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Webdog Services LLC held a ribbon cutting recently along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Webdog Services LLC is a new member of the Chamber as well as a new business in the Magic Valley. Their professional staff can assist patrons by giving their Web site the reliable, high performance it deserves. Cory Glasser, with a degree in visual communications, and Travis Wray, with an extensive background in sales and marketing, are ready to assist customers. Information: 308-3343 or visit www.webdogservices.com. Pictured from left, Cory Glasser (holding Braiden Glasser), Colette Glasser, Travis Wray and Kimberl' Wray.

HELPING HANDS



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A ribbon cutting was held on Oct. 16 for Helping Hands of Gooding. Helping Hands of Gooding is located at 1220 Montana St. and offers a complete range of services for short-term care, long-term care, respite care and hospice care. For a guided tour, facility rates or more information: 934-5601.

AGRI-SERVICE



AGCO Corporation, a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of agricultural equipment, recently recognized Agri-Service Inc. in Burley and Tula Falls for superior achievement upon completion of the Continuous Improvement Program, AGCO's annual dealer evaluation review. Director Paul Ridge and Sales Manager Gene Parth of AGCO Corporation present Agri-Service Inc. in Burley and Tula Falls with a Build Modification Dealer's plaque, and a financial award as recognition for their excellence in the Continuous Improvement Program. The CIP evaluation dealers' performance in areas such as sales, parts, service certification, advertising, training, over all facility and signage with the ultimate goal of improving customer satisfaction. Agri-Service Inc. was recognized for its exemplary efforts to excel in those standards of dedication and determination.

MAC'S RADIATOR



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Mac's Radiator & Repair located at 446 Shoshone St. W. in Tula Falls recently held a ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors to celebrate becoming a new member of the chamber. Mac's offers industrial, agricultural or personal radiator service and repair as well as air conditioner servicing on vehicles. Questions 735-8284. Pictured from left, Ed Newman, owner, and Francisco Sanchez.

CAREER MOVES

Kevin Sandau

Kevin Sandau, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for Twin Falls County, was presented with the District V Administrator of the Year award at the 2008 Idaho Juvenile Justice conference held in Lewiston on Sept. 15.

Sandau was nominated for this award by his staff at the Twin Falls County Juvenile Probation Department.

Valory E. Reed

Valory Evans Reed, formerly of Twin Falls, was honored recently at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City for being selected Best Spa Director by the magazine Spa Finder. Spa Gaucin also received several other awards for outstanding achievement. Reed is the spa director of the St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort at Dana Point, Calif. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1987 and the University of Utah in 1992. She is the daughter of Sharen Evans of Twin Falls.

Della Richards

Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Della Richards of Jensen Ringmakers in Downtown Twin Falls from the prestigious "Certified Professional Jeweler" program.

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

Blair Thompson and Linda Butler

Premier Insurance in Twin Falls announced that two employees earned awards at their recent annual meeting.

Blair Thompson, benefits account executive, was given the Team First Award. Thompson joined Premier Insurance in 2002.

Linda Butler, receptionist, was awarded the Employee of the Year award. She has been with Premier Insurance for six years.

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The economics of gambling

UNR professor teaches the art of the game

By Ray Hagar
Reno Gazette-Journal writer

RENO, Nev. — The class is Economics 411. The subject is gambling. The instructor is noted gambling expert Bill Eadington, director of the Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming at the University of Nevada, Reno.

A wide variety of subjects are covered in Eadington's lecture.

One part deals with "whales," the biggest of the world's big spenders who must be treated with care when visiting feeding grounds in Las Vegas or Macau.

Another part deals with the care and respect gambling executives must show to the gambler who is about to lose millions.

He reminds his class about the egos, perhaps well-deserved, of gambling's hierarchy. If Las Vegas mogul Steve Wynn seems like he's got a big head, well, there's good reason for that.

He outlines the old Las Vegas system of juke.

He mentions, oh by the way, that stars like Britney Spears and Lindsay Lohan have earned \$100,000 a pop in "show up" money at nightclubs on the Strip.

That's \$100,000 just to show up.

Other lectures can be just as fascinating, from falling gambling stocks to the rise of Macau.

The movie "Casino," is mentioned. Eadington remembers how Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman played a bit part as a mob lawyer in the Robert De Niro flick that chronicled the waning days of mob rule in Las Vegas.

The movie was a reflection of real life. Goodman indeed represented mobsters, Eadington said.

"He came out of the (mob) era with enough absence of dirt upon him to be able to be elected mayor," Eadington said.

Eadington operates without a text book. He does, however, require students to read an assortment of books related to gambling, such as "Whale Hunt in the Desert" and "Winner Take All."

Dr. Eadington does not shy away from reading material, said Russ Cox, a former undergraduate student of Eadington's who is taking a master's course from him. Cox is International Game Technology's slot operations manager at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport.

There's so much to gambling. So much to Eadington's Economics 411, a class he has taught since the early 1970s.

It is one of seven gambling-related classes offered at the College of Business.

Students can earn a minor in gambling management at UNR. A gambling management major used to be offered but it is being phased out because it was consid-

ered to have too narrow a focus.

"Plus, we just did not have the enrollment to justify the allocation of faculty," Eadington said.

The students in Economics 411 listen intently. In a tight job market, some hope for work in the gambling industry. That hope is fueled by Eadington's disciples who are successful gambling industry executives.

"The opportunities right now in casinos are endless," said Alisa Mirabal, 30, a 2000 UNR graduate who is a gambling consultant and director of marketing for Marketing Research in Las Vegas. "Almost every single state has a form of gambling now — from card rooms to casinos to legal gambling facilities. So you can technically pick a state and find something, an opportunity, because casinos are being built everywhere."

Eadington's program has a solid reputation for placing students in management positions across the country. Yet Economics 411 is the fun stuff. Classes get relatively more difficult as students advance.

The gambling-management course of study culminates with "Quantitative Methods and Applications of Casino Gaming." Some students said that class is the best example to show that the study of gambling management at UNR is not for slackers.

Eadington has no use for slackers.

"When you get out of here, it is a very competitive market and, in general, Nevada students are a bit too complacent," Eadington said. "I've taught at Harvard and other schools where you see a lot of lean and hungry students, and the world needs people who are going to pay attention to what is important."

"If I were an employer and not an instructor, I would be very demanding," Eadington said. "I want to see your best work and if you are not interested in doing that, I'm not terribly interested in giving you a good grade."

Students look across the world for opportunity. Gambling is big in Macau, much of it run by Las Vegas corporations. Some see a future for themselves in the expansion of gambling in other Asian nations. Students also are well-aware of opportunities in the U.S., where 48 of the 50 states have some sort of gambling.

"As a student, I am looking at Macau, at the Bahamas in Asia, Europe, South Africa and Las Vegas," said Mikal Alvarez, 29, the final gambling-management major in campus.

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gambling, but not in Reno, Alvarez and other students said.

Reno may find it difficult to keep the most talented students, gambling executives said.

The Reno market "is an older-style gaming location that some graduates may not want to be part of in the first place," Mirabal said. "It is not the up-and-coming place to be. Northern California is so close and is an up-and-coming place. There, they (graduates) can be part of the project from the beginning. It is more of a mega resort, per se, as it directly compares to Reno."



Hotels and casinos in Atlantic City, N.J. that are reflected in the water early in the morning.

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The strain to pay for college

It's not the grades, but the financing that's the main concern

By Nancy Trejos
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — With a 3.3 grade point average and a 1700 SAT score, Dandelie Price has done better than many of her classmates. Getting into college won't be a problem. Paying for it will.

"When I originally started to plan out the schools I wanted to go to, I didn't take into account money," she said. "Until the economy got bad, and then I started to look at what I could handle and what my family could handle."

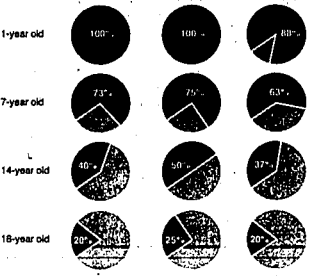
She has ruled out Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore as well as Emory University in Atlanta. Too expensive. She is still holding out hope for Auburn University, a state school in Alabama, if she can get a scholarship. But she is also now looking inside her home state of Virginia. The University of Virginia and Norfolk State University are good, cheaper options, she said.

From now until the end of the year, she'll be feverishly applying for scholarships. "I'm really hoping I can get some financial aid," the Lorton, Va., resident said. "I

Taking stock of college savings plans

The asset mix for age-based college savings plans varies by portfolio and changes as a child nears college enrollment.

Percentage of stock in typical age-based 529 college savings plan



NOTE: Allocations may vary. Vanguard based on aggressive option; remaining percentages include bonds, short-term reserves and money market accounts. SOURCE: The companies

really don't want to have to put off school for a year to get money. That would be the last resort."

As members of the high school class of 2009 fill out their college applications this fall, many are thinking more about affordability than academics.

away what had become a popular alternative to federal financial aid and scholarships. Those that remain have tightened their standards to the point where few students can get loans without co-signers, advisers and college financial aid directors said.

"The problem with parents getting ready to pay for college is three-fold," said Peter Mazarea, vice chairman of the College Savings Foundation, a nonprofit organization in the District of Columbia. "Their home equities have decreased, the cost of college continues to rise, and to top it all off, there's difficulties getting college loans. So you've got almost a triple perfect storm that makes it very difficult for many families going forward to come up with the savings as well as the loans."

Some of the most vulnerable families are those with state-sponsored 529 college savings plans, which operate like 401(k)s and are thus subject to market volatility. Parents contribute money to a fund, which is divided up into stocks, bonds and other investments. Preliminary figures from Financial Research, a Boston consulting firm,

found that the value of 529s had declined 7.6 percent as of the second quarter. Total assets in 529s at the end of the second quarter were \$110 billion.

"Families are looking at their overall financial situation, and they're finding that the money they thought would be there for college might not be," said Chris Long, president of MeritAid.com.

A survey of 2,500 prospective college students nationwide by MeritAid.com, which tracks merit scholarships, found that 48 percent were more concerned than ever about being able to afford college. Fifty-seven percent were considering less prestigious schools as a result, while 16 percent said they were putting off college altogether because their families couldn't pay for it. Other students said they were choosing schools close to home to save on fuel and housing costs or going to two-year rather than four-year colleges, the survey found.

Some public university officials said they anticipate a rise in applications this fall as students grieve the hefty price tags of private schools. Sarah J. Bauder, director of financial

aid at the University of Maryland at College Park, where annual tuition and fees add up to \$8,005 for state residents, said applications were up 4 or 5 percent already. "Any in-state or public in-state institution becomes more attractive financially and it's definitely going to influence behaviors in terms of where students apply in the future," she said.

It's no wonder. According to the College Board, the average cost of a private, four-year college in 2007-08 was \$32,307 a year. Including tuition, room and board, and fees. That was up 5.9 percent from the previous year. The average full-time student attending a private college received about \$9,300 in grants and tax benefits.

To fill the gap, many students had been turning to private loans.

In the 1996-97 school year, 93 percent of the \$38 billion in loans to undergraduate and graduate students came from the federal government. A decade later, 76 percent of the \$77 billion in education loans came from the federal government, and 24 percent came from private and state sources.

President Bush urges patience during global economic crisis

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Now is not the time for countries to abandon open market policies or make changes that would threaten free enterprise, President Bush said Saturday.

Bush used his weekly radio broadcast to address anxiety about the financial meltdown, which Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress this week had left him in a "state of shocked disbelief."

The president, who is hosting a meeting of world economic leaders on Nov. 15 in Washington, called for patience and expressed confidence the economy would eventually rebound. He called on the leaders at the summit to recommit themselves to the fundamentals of "long-term economic growth—free markets, free enterprise and free trade."

"And this moment of global economic uncertainty would be precisely the wrong time to reject such proven methods for creating prosperity and

hope," he said.

Over the past few weeks, governments have taken unprecedented steps to thaw frozen credit markets and avert what economists predict could be a long recession. Still, stock markets around the world dove Friday and oil prices fell to their lowest in more than a year on rising fears that governments, central banks and finance ministers could be powerless to stop a global downturn.

The Dow Jones industrials ended the day down 312 points at the 8,378 level, while

all the major indexes fell more than 3 percent. Major European exchanges that were down more than 10 percent during the day improved by closing time but still suffered losses as high as 5 percent. Asian stocks also closed sharply down. Russia's two exchanges were shut down early because of double-digit losses and officials said they wouldn't resume trading until Tuesday.

"Americans from all walks of life are continuing to feel the effects of the financial crisis," Bush said. "In recent

weeks, concerns about the availability of credit, the safety of financial assets and the volatility of the stock market have made many families understandably anxious about their economic future."

He said steps the government has taken to stabilize the economy, such as the passage of a \$700 billion plan to buy bad assets from banks and other institutions and enhanced federal guarantees of deposits, are beginning to show results.

"It will take time for their full impact to be felt," he said.

Bill Burton, spokesman for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, said the president's efforts on the economy have fallen short.

"After casting his ballot for John McCain," Burton said, "George Bush took to the airwaves and eloquently endorsed his economic plan that represents four more years of policies that give billions in tax breaks to CEOs and big corporations but does nothing to create jobs or provide relief to more than 100 million middle-class Americans."

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Motorcycle gang's fear factor silences witnesses to murder

By Scott Glover
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — As killings go, Leon Huddleston's should have been relatively easy to solve.

The 26-year-old Pizza Hut employee was shooting pool in a crowded bar when he was crushed over the head with a pool cue and kicked repeatedly in the ribs by a pair of rough looking bikertypes, authorities said.

At least a dozen people were in the pool room of Young's Bar and Grill in Lancaster, north of Los Angeles in the Mojave Desert, when the fatal beating took place, the bartender would recall later. But when sheriff's detectives arrived and began asking questions, no one seemed to have seen anything. A tape from a surveillance camera that would have helped investigators determine who was there that night was missing and the criminal scene had been cleaned up.

Frustrated homicide detectives and the victim's father say there's a reason people were so reluctant to help: The alleged assailants were members of the Mongols motorcycle club, who according to a sweeping federal indictment made public earlier this week, were willing to commit such brazen crimes precisely because they believe victims and witnesses are afraid to testify against them.

The circumstances surrounding Huddleston's slaying represent another hallmark of Mongols' violence, according to authorities. The victim, who is known to be mouthy at times, seems how irked or disrespected members of the gang — and he paid the price.

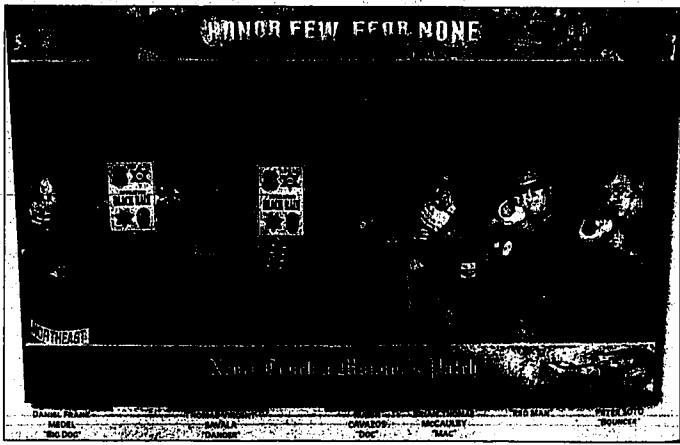
In Huddleston's case, the price was a fractured skull, some broken ribs and, ultimately, his life.

Huddleston's slaying is one of four mentioned in the 177-page indictment, which is based largely on the observations of four undercover Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives infiltrated the gang. The indictment accuses the Mongols of racketeering, drug trafficking, weapons offenses and money laundering.

The gang members also are accused of numerous acts of violence involving guns, knives, brass knuckles, lead pipes and steel-toed boots. They shot, stabbed and beat members of their rivals, the Hells Angels, and terrorized ordinary citizens as well, authorities allege.

Huddleston's alleged killers are, Norberto Jose Montes, also known as "Villain," and Clint Austin Melcer, who goes by "Danger."

Melcer was arrested along with 60 other Mongols during a series of early morning raids



A poster released by the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms featuring members of the Mongols motorcycle gang is seen during a news conference Tuesday in Los Angeles.



U.S. Attorney Thomas P. O'Brien, right, speaks during a news conference Tuesday in Los Angeles. Dozens of Mongol motorcycle gang members were arrested Tuesday by federal agents in six states.

on Tuesday. Melcer remains out on bail.

Huddleston, a high school dropout from California's Central Valley, was living in Lancaster to serve his probation on a drug conviction, according to his father, who asked not to be named because he was fearful of the Mongols.

The father said his son temporarily was living in a homeless shelter a couple of blocks from the bar until he'd completed his probation.

He'd just landed a job at a nearby Pizza Hut, the first he'd had in some time, which his father took as sign that he was getting his life together. Tony Shy, a resident attendant at the Lancaster Community Shelter, said Huddleston was thrilled to

have a job many people wouldn't want — washing dishes and answering the phone at Pizza Hut.

"He came running in here, 'Tony, I got a job. I got a job,'" Shy recalled in a recent interview. He said Huddleston had taken to bringing home leftover pizza to share with other residents of the shelter.

Shy said Huddleston could be a little "wild" at times. "But he was fine if you knew how to handle him."

But Shy said Huddleston occasionally got into arguments with other residents and had a hard time walking away from a dispute. He said the 5-foot, 9-inch, 180-pound Huddleston once boasted that he'd never lost a fight.

"Don't worry, one day you

will," Shy said he told him. On Valentine's Day around 9 p.m. Huddleston made the short walk to Young's, a smoky neighborhood bar that caters to a blue-collar clientele, including members of the Mongols and Vagos biker gangs.

Huddleston had taken to shooting pool and drinking draft beer at the bar after he got the job at Pizza Hut.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Detective Steve Lankford, the lead investigator on the case, said the key to solving the murder was a tip from an informant who wasn't even in the bar the evening Huddleston was killed. The informant, whom he declined to identify, implicated the two Mongols in the slaying. Lankford and his partner then used that information as leverage to persuade a couple of witnesses to cooperate.

"Any time you have gangs involved, whether it's motor-

cycle gangs or rival street gangs, it's extremely difficult to get people to come forward because of the fear of retaliation," Lankford said.

What detectives ultimately were able to piece together was that the larger of the two men, Montes, who weighs nearly 300 pounds, hit Huddleston from behind with a pool cue. When he fell to the ground, both Mongols began to kick and stomp him, the detectives said.

Huddleston was taken to a

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local hospital where he spent a week in a drug-induced coma, his father said.

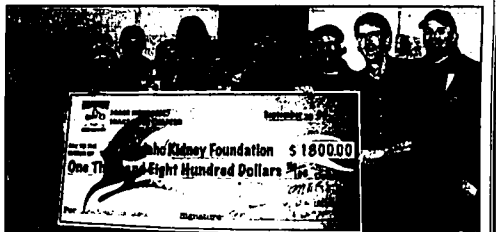
His family decided to take him off life support "because he was already gone," the elder Huddleston said.

Harry Young, who is part owner of the bar and was working the night Huddleston was attacked, acknowledged there was no tape in the surveillance camera and that he took the pool cue used in the beating and placed it behind the bar. Young said he didn't know why there was no tape in the camera that evening. The only reason he moved the cue, he said, was because he didn't realize how seriously Huddleston had been injured.

"I was just cleaning up," he said in a recent interview at the bar. "The sooner I got cleaned up, the sooner I got out of there."

I wish to express my deepest appreciation for all the calls, phone calls, food and visits from everyone after John passed away. John will live on in our hearts forever, but will be greatly missed by his friends and his family.
Susan Matney

Sober Riders Motorcycle Club Raises \$1800 for Local Kidney Patients



On August 23rd in Twin Falls, the Snake River Chapter of the Sober Riders Motorcycle Club held their sixth annual Kick Start Bike Show. This motorcycle club projects a clean, sober, productive lifestyle, donating and raising money to support local organizations and individuals. Over 150 bikes were displayed from four different states supporting the event. Everyone enjoyed an evening of chrome, good food, fun, and even a dunk tank used to dunk the local Sober Rider chapter presidents.

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Ex-Canyon County worker sentenced for kiddie porn on county computer

CALDWELL — A former Canyon County employee who collected images of child pornography on a county computer has been sentenced to up to six years in prison.

Fourth District Judge G.D. Carey sentenced former county applications manager Steven Young to up to six years in prison on Friday, but said he could be released after 120 days if he successfully completes a sex offender evaluation program.

The 32-year-old Young was charged with multiple counts of possession of sexual exploitive materials and one count of destruction of evidence. He was accused of possessing more than 160 child pornography photographs of girls as young as 12 years old on his county-owned laptop computer.

Under his Alford plea, Young did not admit to the acts but acknowledged there was enough evidence that he could have been convicted.

An Idaho State Police detective, Brent Kestinger, testified that the investigation began when police



Former Canyon County computer applications manager Steven Young stands in the courtroom for sentencing on obscenity and evidence-destruction charges in Caldwell on Friday. His sister, Susan Young, accompanies him.

heard allegations that Young planned to sabotage the county's computer network so that "certain databases would not be operational" if law-enforcement officers tried to use them.

But when Kestinger began examining county computer hard drives in September 2006, he found the porno-

graphic images, the Idaho Statesman reported.

Young was never charged on the initial allegations that he threatened to sabotage the computer system, but evidence that someone had tried to "wipe" the hard drives to destroy the images prompted the destruction-of-evidence charge.

During his sentencing, Young cried and told the judge that he believed God was using the situation for a greater purpose.

"I'm not trying to make any excuses," Young said. "I've not tried at any time to hide my past addiction to pornography."

But Idaho Deputy Attorney General Justin Whatcott said Young was still blaming others for his problems. That should be considered an aggravating factor, Whatcott told the judge.

Young's defense attorney, Keith Bork, said that though the images were child pornography, they were consensually made and didn't show sexual acts or tortures.

The judge said Young should spend time in prison.

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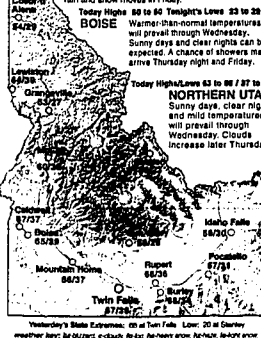
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Companies start competing for piece of bailout

By Martin Crabbinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The bailout is now the hottest lobbying game in town. Insurers, automakers and American subsidiaries of foreign banks all want the Treasury Department to cut them a piece of the largest government rescue in U.S. history. The betting is that many with their hands out will be successful, especially with financial markets in a stomach-churning dive and pre-

dictions the economy is about to tumble into a deep recession. These groups argue that the credit squeeze is so severe and the risks to the economy so dire that their industries need financial support as well. The Treasury is considering requests from a variety of industries, but has not decided whether to expand the program, officials said Saturday. Lobbying efforts are intensifying. The Financial Services

Roundtable wrote Treasury officials on Friday requesting that the initiative to buy \$250 billion in bank stock grow to cover insurers, auto companies, securities dealers and U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies, including banks. The Treasury's plan is intended to bolster banks' tattered balance sheets and get them to resume making loans. As the Treasury now interprets it, these additional groups would not participate in the bank stock program. They could receive help from

a separate part of the \$700 billion rescue that will buy bad assets from financial institutions. Steve Bartlett, the president of the Roundtable, urged the Treasury to broaden the definition of those eligible for the stock purchase program. "The institutions that are excluded play a vital role in the U.S. economy by providing liquidity to the market," Bartlett wrote Neel Kashkari, the Treasury Department official running the bailout program.

Referring to U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies, Bartlett said, "This is a global crisis and to not recognize the U.S. firms controlled by foreign banks or companies would create further impediment to the market's recovery." A financial industry official said Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson met over the past week with various groups, including hedge fund managers, that were petitioning for assistance. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because

the Treasury has not made a decision. This official said the discussions with insurance industry executives were being held in advance of what are expected to be disappointing earnings reports by some insurance companies in the coming week. The official said the insurance industry would like to get government purchases of their stock on a mandatory basis, duplicating the agreement Paulson struck two weeks ago with nine major banks.

At service, activists decry dragging death

By Jeff Carlson
Associated Press writer

PARIS, Texas — Members of the Nation of Islam, the New Black Panthers and the NAACP on Saturday promised protests to bring more attention to the killing of an east Texas man whose death recalls, for some, a notorious decade-old hate crime. Speaker after speaker at a memorial service said they disagreed with the district attorney's stance that Brandon McClelland's death was not racially motivated. "This is a hate crime, then there is no such thing as a hate crime," said Krystal Muhammad of the New Black Panthers. "Even though our brother was viciously slain, we will not let him die in vain."

Two white men, accused of running McClelland down and dragging his body about 70 feet beneath their pickup, remain jailed on murder charges. They face up to life in prison if convicted. "Activists have cast doubt on theories that the attack was a hate crime but said they will take another look when autopsy results become available this week. A determination of racial bias in a crime case increases penalties, but not for the murder charges these defendants face.

Still, a finding of racial bias in McClelland's killing could make a powerful statement. And Derek Muhammad of the Nation of Islam called McClelland's death an "exact copy" of the 1998 James Byrd case. Byrd, a black man in Jasper, about 200 miles south of Paris, was chained by the ankles to the back of a pickup by three white supervisors and dragged for three miles. Two of the officers are on death row, the third is serving a life sentence. McClelland died after going with two white friends on a late-night beer run across the state line to Oklahoma. On the way back, authorities said, McClelland argued with the two suspects — Shannon Keith Flury and Charles Ryan Owsley, both 27. He left the pickup to walk home.

Authorities said that the men then ran him over and that his body was dragged beneath the truck. His body was discovered Sept. 16. McClelland's mother said fragments of her son's skull could still be found three days later. Flury and Owsley are jailed on charges of murder and evidence tampering. Flury's attorney did not immediately respond to a voice mail message requesting a copy of a letter to the Cook County attorney was not returned.

A little Western swing

Obama and McCain target Nevada, Colorado and New Mexico

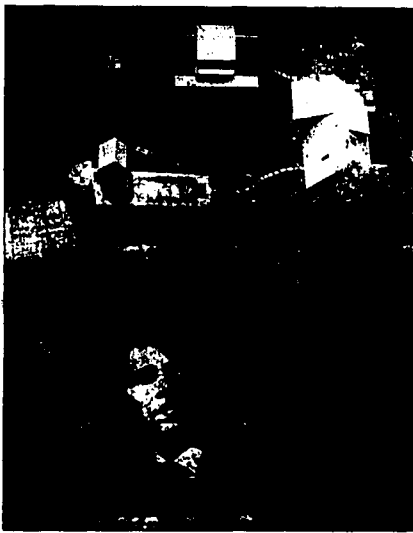
By Ben Feller
Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — Scrambling to win the West, Democrat Barack Obama mocked John McCain on Saturday for aggressively trying to distance himself from President Bush. McCain touted his Western ties and warned that Obama is a tax-and-spend threat to the nation.

The financially flush Obama campaign also unveiled a two-minute TV ad that asks, "Will our country be better off four years from now?" The length of the ad, which will air in key states, highlights Obama's fundraising superiority — most campaign commercials run 30 seconds or a minute. Obama continued to ridicule McCain for distancing himself from the president.

"John McCain attacking George Bush is an out-of-hand economic policy is like Dick Cheney attacking George Bush for his go-it-alone foreign policy," Obama said. The Democrat said Bush must not mind the criticism, because he cast his vote early this week — for McCain. Ten days before the election, both candidates were targeting the same trio of states — Nevada, Colorado and New Mexico. Any of them could help shape who wins the presidency. The flurry of appearances by Obama and McCain likely represent the last time in a long, tough campaign that the top-up territory of the West will get this much attention. Electoral prizes like Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida, will soon take command.

Obama said it was too late for McCain to portray himself as independent from Bush after standing with him for years. McCain has a mixed record of supporting and backing Bush. Real change, Obama said, is "not somebody who's trying to break with his president over the last 10 days after having supporting him for the last eight years." As the front-running Obama campaigned at a baseball stadium, McCain was at an outdoor rally at the New Mexico state fairgrounds in Albuquerque. The Arizona Republican claimed he had the edge in battleground states in the region,



A giant replica of artist Shepard Fairey's Barack Obama Hope poster is shown on the property of artists Hillary Ross and her husband Ben Lassus in rural Shickelkill, Pa., Friday. The replica, created by the couple and 13 others, took 60 hours to make.

calling himself "a fellow Westerner." "Sen. Obama has never been south of the border," said McCain, arguing that he has a feel for issues like water that resonate throughout the region. Obama's campaign said Obama had, in fact, been to Mexico before he got into public office. Later, in Mesilla, N.M., McCain said he had a home-court advantage in the West. "I know the issues, I know land, I know water, I know native American issues," said McCain, speaking at a sun-splashed rally. "I know how western states are growing with dynamic

strength. Senator Obama does not understand these issues." McCain continued to portray Obama, an Illinois vetran, as a tax-and-spend liberal certain to push for more government and higher spending. "He believes in redistributing wealth," McCain said. "That's not America." His running mate, Sarah Palin, evoked the same theme Saturday in Sioux City, Iowa. While she spoke, the crowd at her rally cried out about Obama: "He's a socialist."

Obama, meanwhile, continued to use his massive fundraising appeal to his advantage. The new Obama ad is scheduled to begin running Sunday, but not mentioning McCain. It promotes Obama's economic policies while saying the Democrat will work to end "mindless partisanship" and "divisiveness."

The Republican National Committee released its own TV ad Saturday questioning whether Obama has the experience to be president. The ad, featuring the image of a stormy ocean, says the nation is in "uncertain times" that could get worse and asks whether voters want a president "whom's untested at the helm."

In competitive Virginia, Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Biden said Americans have been "knocked down" by Bush's economic policies. "It's time for us to get back up," he said. "It's time for us together to get back up and demand the change we need."

The West, once reliable Republican territory, has seen its politics and demographics shift over the last decade. Bush picked Nevada, Colorado and New Mexico four years ago and Democrats see them and their 19 electoral votes as a real opportunity.

There was a glitch for Obama in Reno though. A generator at his rally apparently failed, killing power and cutting off his microphone. Obama said someone from the McCain campaign may have pulled the plug on the rally — but quickly added he was kidding.

Later, at a rally at a high school football field in Las Vegas, Obama said, "We're not going to let George Bush pass the torch to John McCain."

Obama resumed his campaign in Nevada after spending Thursday night and Friday in Hawaii with his grandmother, who is gravely ill. He offered thanks to those who wished her well. Despite some rain, McCain pledged a scrappy close to the campaign. "We're a few points down and the pundits, of course, as they have four or five times, have written us off," said McCain. "We've got them just where we want them."

Home that nurtured a star now harbors a calamity

By Ryan Hilly
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — It was the cradle of Jennifer Hudson's greatest triumphs. It's now the scene of her darkest hour.

The Oscar-winning actress awoke last week to find her mother's body lying in the impoverished neighborhood on Chicago's South Side where she went to grade school and sang in church.

An ambulance, her sister placed the body in the trunk of her 7-year-old car, pulled on Saturday a day after the alleged shooting and funeral, was found close to death of the family home in the South Side neighborhood. "I don't know what happened, but I know the police," Jennifer Hudson said in a crowd from



the position of the President Oct. 25, 2008. Hudson's mother, Cheryl Hudson, was shot Oct. 25. Hudson said in a crowd from

Chicago Sunday. She said she suspected her mother was the target, but no one had been charged. Saturday Law enforcement sources told the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times that William Bellows was in custody and the man's mother said he is Julia Hudson's estranged husband. Julia Hudson did not address her relationship to Bellows, who was named in an Amber Alert issued after Hudson's disappearance. An Amber Alert is issued Saturday warning people to be on the lookout for Hudson, possibly in a white Chevy Impala. Julia Hudson noted that her husband's white truck was seen near her home. "I don't see if it was the same vehicle mentioned in the

body comes along." Authorities were holding a suspect with ties to the family, but no one had been charged. Saturday Law enforcement sources told the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times that William Bellows was in custody and the man's mother said he is Julia Hudson's estranged husband. Julia Hudson did not address her relationship to Bellows, who was named in an Amber Alert issued after Hudson's disappearance. An Amber Alert is issued Saturday warning people to be on the lookout for Hudson, possibly in a white Chevy Impala. Julia Hudson noted that her husband's white truck was seen near her home. "I don't see if it was the same vehicle mentioned in the Amber Alert or whether they were seeking additional suspects. "My greatest fear has already happened," Julia Hudson said. "My greatest hope is finding my child." An autopsy Saturday showed Jennifer Hudson, 27, and Jason Hudson, 28, died of gunshot wounds, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. Three deaths were ruled homicides. Police said a family member was arrested. Detective's South Side home Friday found a woman's body on the living room floor. Officers later found Hudson shot in the bedroom. At least one of the victims suffered defensive wounds, said investigators, who described the shooting as domestic violence.

Ordinary Joes have mixed feelings about wealth

By Adam Keller
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The war of words waged by John McCain and Barack Obama for the votes of plumbers and other average Joes is a reminder of the nation's long-standing doubts about concentrated wealth — and its qualms about doing something about it.

Americans have voiced concerns about putting too much wealth in too few hands, since the country was founded, but the public's views also come with contradictions.

Now it's clearer than ever — thanks to Obama's much-misqu岸ted talk about taxes with a certain Ohio voter and McCain's dogged criticism — that these mixed feelings about income inequality are a long way from being resolved.

I think that when you spread the wealth around, it's good for everybody," Obama told the man — maybe you've heard of him — Joe the Plumber.

The remark may have sounded pretty innocuous. But McCain has lashed out at his rival's words as sounding "a lot like socialism," and turned the criticism into a central theme of his campaign's final round. Obama's remarks, McCain says, are emblematic of a tax plan to confiscate wealth and give it to the poor that would make the IRS "into a giant welfare agency."

The comments of both presidential candidates touch nerves in American politics — because concerns about too much concentration of wealth, but also about the role of government and the individual. More than two centuries after Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson warned about the hazards of too much in the hands of too few. Americans have developed complex views on the intertwining issues.

A substantial majority of Americans either don't want to pay their fair share of taxes, opinion polls show. A growing number say the U.S. is becoming a nation of haves and have-nots.

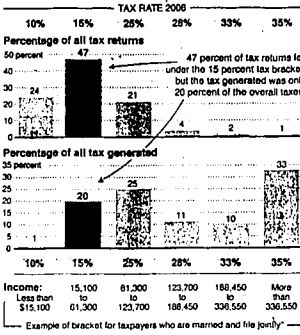
The public's concerns reflect a shifting sentiment in recent years, as an increasing share of the wealth has gone to people at the top of the income scale. The top tenth of U.S. households now earn an average of 11.2 times what those in the bottom tenth make, according to the Census Bureau. That's up from a ratio of 8.7 three decades ago. The wealthiest fifth of U.S. households now take in 50 percent of all income, up from 41 percent in 1977. The differences are even more pronounced in analyses of incomes for the top 1 percent of households.

The income gap between the rich and the rest of the U.S. population has become worse and is growing faster, that it might eventually threaten the stability of democratic capitalism itself," then-Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said in 2005.

But Americans are divided on whether government should be heath taxing the rich in order to benefit those with less.

"It's a complicated area to try to understand American attitudes," said Frank Newport, editor in chief of

Most Americans under 15% tax rate



the Gallup Poll. "It's kind of like, in some instances, conflicting medical research ... There's no one answer."

A majority of Americans — 51 percent in a poll by Gallup this past April — said they support "heavy taxes" on the rich to redistribute wealth. That is significantly higher than when the same question was asked in 1939, at the fall end of the Great Depression, when 35 percent agreed.

But people's support for higher taxes on the wealthy are tempered by their own aspirations.

"Most Americans hope to someday be wealthy and, as a result, the idea of kind of redistributing income is not as popular as government policies resulting in making a bigger pie so everybody does better off," said Dennis Jacobs, chief economist for Gallup.

The tension between those ideas runs through American politics in ways that don't always seem logical. Even many wealthy people support higher taxes on the rich in a country that believes in itself as a place where anybody who works hard enough can make it, though, there's a certain wariness of taxes that might discourage hard work.

"Obama's criticism of Obama's tax plan is 'trying to go for this idea that, in the U.S., is much more popular than in other countries ... that you get ahead through your own efforts,'" said Bryan Caplan, author of "The Myth of the Rational Voter: Why Democracies Choose Bad Policies," and an economics professor at George Mason University. "I think he's trying to tap into what is a distinctly American view."

That view is far from universal, but it does go way back. In fact, the debate over distribution of wealth has been going on since the U.S. was a brand new nation.

After years of being ruled by British aristocrats, the country's first political leaders argued that the U.S. must avoid creating its own aristocracy that would allow the wealthy to exert unfair power.

But the party that touted itself as the true champions of economic equality was the Democratic-Republicans, led by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

"Of course, in actuality, many followers of Jefferson were also slaveholders and \$250 million

Trump says the book damaged his reputation and argues that his fortune was closer to \$2.7 billion. The judges wrote that details of Trump's life are matters of public interest and therefore are protected.

Numerous publishers of books, magazines and newspapers had joined the appeal, as well as bloggers and other media organizations, including The Associated Press.

the greatest disparities in wealth concentration were right in front of their noses," said Robert E. Wright, who teaches economic and financial history at New York University's Stern School of Business.

Americans didn't face the first tax on personal income until 1861, when a Union government desperate for cash to fight the Civil War decided it had little choice. The tax was sold as a way of making sure the rich, most of whom who were not marching off to war, were bearing their fair share of responsibility, Wright said.

That tax — a flat assessment — survived until 1895, when it was declared unconstitutional.

The country's first experiments with income taxes were promoted as necessities, rather than as a way to shift wealth to where it was needed. Over time, economists came to embrace the concept of a progressive tax — one that levies higher rates in proportion to income — as a means of not just paying for government, but ensuring fairness.

And when the income tax was brought back with the passage of the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, the tax that was enacted was progressive. Rates began at 1 percent and rose to 7 percent for taxpayers with income above \$500,000. Less than 1 percent of the population paid income tax at the time.

"The income gap between the rich and the rest of the U.S. population has become so wide, and is growing so fast, that it might eventually threaten the stability of democratic capitalism itself."

— Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan in 2005

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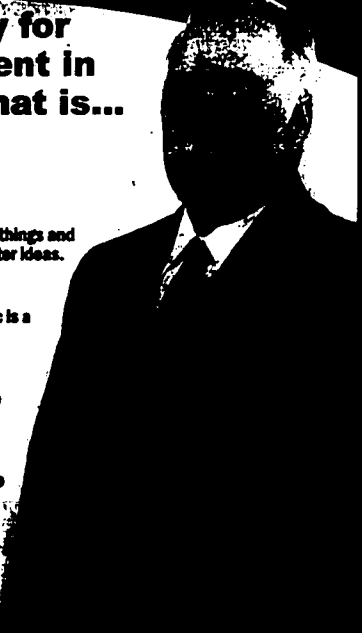
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Writer of Trump book won't have to reveal sources

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — An author doesn't have to reveal his sources for a book in which he claimed Donald Trump's wealth was in the millions, not billions.

The ruling by a New Jersey appellate panel Friday reverses a 2006 decision to compel the disclosure. Trump sued author Timothy O'Brien and Time Warner Book Group over the book "TrumpNation: The Art of Being the Donald."

After Joe the Plumber, Joe the Hothead?

By Will Lester
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — First there was Joe the Plumber. Is Joe the Hothead next?

Joe McCain said Friday he'll withdraw from campaign activities for his brother, GOP presidential nominee John McCain, after calling 911 to angrily complain about traffic.

McCain has apologized for making the call.

The candidate's younger brother, who lives in Alexandria, Va., told Washington radio station WTOG he was returning from a campaign event in Philadelphia around 2 a.m. on Oct. 18 when he got stuck in traffic on Interstate 495 at the Wilson Bridge. Police say the call was made about 1:30 a.m. Oct. 21.

Frustrated because of the

traffic, Joe McCain called 911 to find out what was going on. The operator asked him to "state your emergency."

"Well, it's not an emergency, but do you know why on one side at the damn drawbridge of 95 traffic is stopped for 15 minutes and yet traffic's coming the other way?" Joe McCain said.

The operator asked him if he was calling 911 to complain about traffic. McCain then uttered an expletive and hung up the phone.

McCain told WTOG that he thought his cell phone was on mute.

After hanging up with 911, McCain said he called Alexandria police to ask them about the traffic on the bridge and got a similar reaction.

"I did not mean to swear at the officers themselves," McCain said. "If he were in their situation, I would have really frosted me too and I absolutely understand their reaction."

Joe McCain said: "I feel terrible about having hurt the campaign over this incident. I

won't be doing any more campaigning because of that." He said he's going to write a note of apology to the 911 operator and to the Alexandria police and he hasn't spoken to his brother, the candidate, about the incident.

"He's not going to be happy about it, I'm sure," Joe McCain said.

McCain campaign spokesman Tucker Bounds said: "Joe McCain recognizes his mistake and has apologized. We are moving on."

One of John McCain's rallying cries in his campaign has been to highlight the concerns of Joe the Plumber, an Ohioan named Joe Wurzelbacher who has become the central thematic element in speeches by McCain and his running mate Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

They note that Joe the Plumber accused Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama of fostering tax plans that would keep him from buying the two-man company where he works.



McCain

Vaccine slashes diarrheal illness in kids

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A vaccine against rotavirus, the leading cause of diarrhea in infants, has led to a dramatic drop in hospitalization and emergency room visits since it came on the market two years ago, doctors reported Saturday.

A bonus: the vaccine seems to be preventing illness even in unvaccinated children by cutting the number of infections in the community that kids can pick up and spread.

"We're a little surprised by the degree of impact given the coverage we've achieved," said Jane Seward of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Only about half of young children had received the vaccine and very few had received all three doses when the studies were done.

Results were reported Saturday at an infectious diseases conference in Washington.

Before the vaccine, more than 200,000 U.S. children were taken to emergency rooms and more than 55,000 were hospitalized each year with rotavirus, which causes vomiting and diarrhea, mostly from January through May. Worldwide, the virus kills 1,600 young children each day.

Since Merck & Co.'s Rotateq came out in 2006, hospital visits and stays due to the virus have dropped 80 percent to 100 percent, studies by the CDC and several other groups show.

Last winter, rotavirus cases started and peaked two to three months later and were much less extensive than in previous years, CDC scientists report.

Hospitals in a network that tracks these cases for the CDC saw more than an 80

percent drop in admissions from them, one study showed.

Another study, by Merck, found a 100 percent drop in hospitalizations and ER visits during the 2007 and 2008 rotavirus seasons compared to previous ones.

The study was based on a review of health insurance claims for about 61,000 infants and diagnoses by doctors in routine clinical practice.

Rotateq is an oral vaccine given at two, four and six months of age. In June, a second rotavirus vaccine came on the market — GlaxoSmithKline's Rotarix. It requires only two doses, completed by four months of age.

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Alaska's Sen. Stevens got \$2.7 million for pal's road

By Garance Burke and Adam Goldman
Associated Press writers

GIRDWOOD, Alaska — Just 0.7 miles long, Crow Creek Road isn't a road to nowhere. It runs straight to the Double Musky Inn, a Cajun bistro owned by a Bob Persons, a close friend of Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens.



Stevens

It cost taxpayers \$2.7 million to widen and pave that road, and Alaska had higher priorities. But an Associated Press examination of government e-mails and interviews with state transportation officials found that Stevens moved the project to the front of the line.

Persons, owner of the popular dining hole where the Republican senator frequently dines; testified as a defense witness this month in Washington, D.C., where Stevens is on trial for corruption.

"This is a classic pork barrel project that just confirms everyone's fears," said David Williams, a vice president for policy at Citizens Against Government Waste. "It's like 'Hey, if you're my buddy, I'll just get you a few million dollars and make you a road to your restaurant.'"

Details of the Crow Creek deal emerged as Stevens awaits a verdict in his trial. He is charged with lying on Senate financial disclosure forms about gifts, including more than \$250,000 in home improvements to his cabin, not far from the Double Musky.

Trial testimony indicated that Stevens granted Persons power of attorney to guide the home renovation. Among the many presents Stevens is charged with concealing is a nearly \$2,700 massage chair from Persons. Stevens says the chair was a loan, but his explanation of why he kept it in his house for seven years led to one of the more awkward exchanges of his testimony.

Telephone messages left at Persons' home and the restaurant were not immediately returned.

Stevens' spokesman, Steve Wackowski, declined to answer specific questions from the AP concerning Stevens' communications with Persons about the road. In a statement, he said the senator set aside the money at local officials' request and believed paving the road would boost tourism to a historic gold mine two miles beyond where the asphalt ends.

Stevens' intent, as relayed through his staff to state officials, "was that any improvements or construction must continue all the way up to the mine," according to the statement.

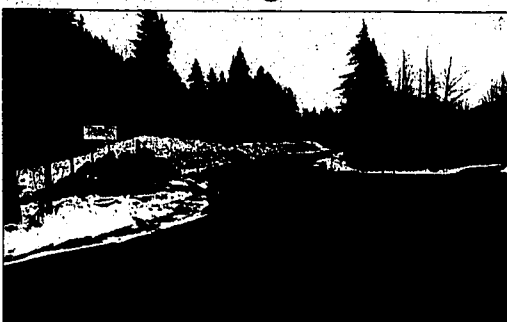
In 2002, when Stevens was chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, he inserted last-minute language in a transportation bill to secure \$10 million for "Girdwood" Road Improvements. He then ensured that his intentions to pave his friend's road were carried out.

Girdwood officials planned to cut that project, however, and repair residential streets with the money, according to the e-mails. They had other priorities such as fixing trails and easing traffic.

That was unacceptable to Stevens, the longest serving Republican in office since 1968, has brought home billions in projects to his state.

In a June 2003 e-mail, a Stevens office worker, Lisa Sutherland, warned the director of Alaska's state office in Washington, D.C., that Stevens "would then be criticized for fixing up his own street. Remember he lives there. The best person to talk to to get guidance is Bob Persons."

Persons was ready to help. Sutherland's question, a state transportation official, David Post, called Persons to clarify the senator's intent. Persons said the senator wanted the money to pave



The newly paved Crow Creek Road is seen in Girdwood, Alaska, Thursday. The once narrow, bumpy dirt road, which is only 0.7 miles long, has been widened and paved with \$2.7 million in federal funds secured by Sen. Ted Stevens R-Alaska.

Crow Creek Road, a spruce-lined path dotted with a few commercial businesses.

Post told the AP he found it unusual to get direction on a publicly funded project from someone outside government. "It struck me as odd, yes," said Post, a regional transportation planning manager.

In an e-mail from June 24, 2003, the department's chief

of planning for the central region wrote a colleague about Post's conversation with Persons.

"Spoke with Bob Persons this morning as Lisa suggested and his understanding from the Senator was that Crow Creek Rd. is number 1 priority because it is in such bad shape," reads the e-mail from John Tolley. "This is 'somewhat' consistent with

the board of supervisors' priorities, however they have some other improvements in their top 7 priorities."

In fact, the paving of Crow Creek Road was No. 6.

Stevens and Persons have known each other for 25 years. Persons and his wife, Deanna, have contributed nearly \$7,000 to Stevens' campaigns over the past decade.

"This is a classic pork barrel project that just confirms everyone's fears. It's like 'Hey, if you're my buddy, I'll just get you a few million dollars and make you a road to your restaurant.'"

— David Williams, vice president for policy at Citizens Against Government Waste

The New Orleans-themed restaurant, which has been featured on the Food Network's "Best Of" series, is less than two miles from Stevens' house, near the Mount Alyeska ski resort. Stevens wrote an introduction for Person's cookbook, praising his "honestly good meals."

In 2000, when the senator needed to renovate his cabin, he asked Persons for help. Prosecutors say Persons knew Stevens was not paying the full cost for the work and that he helped cover up who was — an Alaska oil services company.

Persons' son Justin, who co-owns the Musky, told the AP his father voiced concern about the paving project when crews took out trees along their property line this year.

Justin Persons said his father did not support the paving because the family

long had enjoyed the "novelty of driving down a bumpy dirt road to a great restaurant."

But Post said Persons never objected to it when he called in 2003.

The restaurateur submitted one comment at a public meeting about the road project in 2004, urging authorities to "keep it narrow and add speed bumps w/ gravel shoulders for walkers & runners."

The repaving originally was intended to stretch 3.5 miles, but had to be scaled back in part due to the cost of replacing a bridge farther along Crow Creek Road, said Jennifer Witt, a transportation department chief.

Today, the asphalt ends just past the Double Musky. Witt said in an interview it's a coincidence.

But had Stevens done a favor for his friend?

"I could see where it appears that way," said Witt.

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AP Photo
 Afghan security men sit in the back of a truck that is carrying the bodies of foreigners after a shooting in front of international shipping company DHL in Kabul, Afghanistan, Saturday. Two foreigners working for the company were fatally shot Saturday in Afghanistan's capital, police said. An Afghan was also killed in the attack.

Security guard kills two DHL executives in Afghan capital

By Laura King
 Los Angeles Times

KABUL, Afghanistan — Security for Westerners in Afghanistan took a sharp turn for the worse Saturday when an Afghan security guard working for the international shipping company DHL shot and killed the company's top two officials in the country before killing himself, Afghan officials said.

The early morning attack, which killed a Briton and a South African in a prosperous district of the capital, was as symbolic as it was bloody. It targeted a major multinational corporation at a time when Afghanistan is hungry for foreign investment. And it took place in the heart of the city even as Western military officials are trying to calm fears that Islamic militants are tightening a noose around the capital.

The shooting occurred only five days after another Westerner, a British female aid

worker, was gunned down on a Kabul street. It also raised the possibility that insurgents might be seeking to strike at Western interests by infiltrating international organizations' private security services.

But police said the circumstances of the attack remained murky, and that it could be a criminal dispute or vendetta of some kind. Two other people, one a guard and the other apparently an onlooker, were wounded. The surge in violence could be intended to undermine Afghanistan's new interior minister, Hamid Amar. He was appointed this month by President Hamid Karzai in a bid to stem blatant corruption at the Interior Ministry, which is responsible for law enforcement.

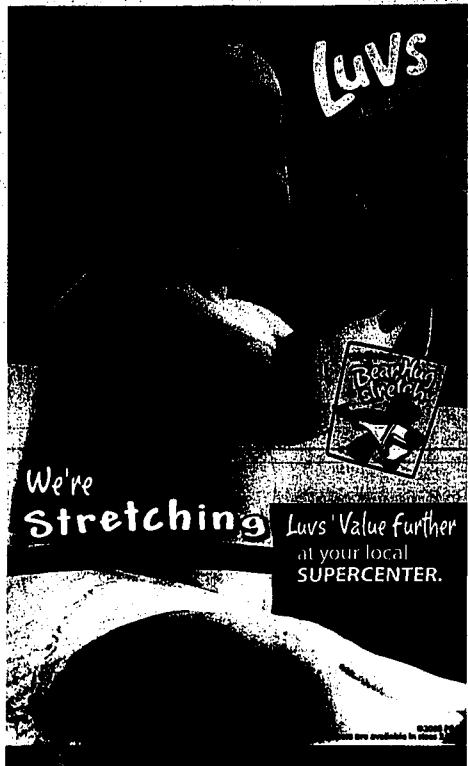
Police and witnesses said Saturday's attack unfolded when the guard opened fire with an automatic rifle as an SUV carrying DHL's country director and his deputy pulled

up in front of the company's headquarters in downtown Kabul.

The area, which is across the street from the Iranian Embassy and not far from the headquarters of Afghanistan's intelligence service, had been regarded as a relatively secure part of the capital. Afghan police took about a dozen local DHL employees into custody for questioning after the shooting, authorities said.

An Interior Ministry official, Mirza Mohammad Yarmal, was quoted by the Associated Press as saying that the guard who opened fire, an ethnic Pashtun, had been hired about a month earlier.

Security has deteriorated across much of Afghanistan as the Taliban movement, toppled in late 2001 by a U.S. invasion, has regrouped and rearmed itself. Until recently, however, the capital had been seen as something of a haven, although it too had been hit by several serious attacks in the past year.



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Report: Livni to recommend early Israeli elections

By Steve Weisman
Associated Press writer

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister-designate Tzipi Livni has given up efforts to form a coalition government and will recommend early elections, Israeli radio stations reported Saturday night.

Israel Radio and Army Radio both said that after consulting with her advisers during the evening, Livni decided not to continue coalition talks and to tell President Shimon Peres on Sunday to call a general election, most probably in February. That would be more than a year ahead of schedule.

There was no official announcement and Livni's spokesman did not answer repeated phone calls.

The centrist Kadima party chose Livni, 50, a month ago to succeed Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, who is stepping down amid a corruption scandal.

Opinion polls have indicated



Ultra-Orthodox Shas Party leader Eli Yishai speaks to the media outside his home in Jerusalem, Friday. Yishai said his party will not join a new coalition government being formed by prime minister-designate Tzipi Livni, making it more likely Israel will soon hold national elections.

ed that the hawkish Likud party led by former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would sweep to power in an early election. He takes a harder line on peace talks with the Palestinians than Livni, who has been conciliatory toward Arab leaders and says her goal is a full peace treaty with the

Palestinians as soon as possible. Earlier Saturday, Cabinet minister Tzahi Hanegbi, Livni's point man on the coalition talks, said in a television interview that Livni would formally make her decision known to Peres on Sunday.

"Tomorrow afternoon she

will go to the president," he said. At the time of that interview, Hanegbi said Livni was still undecided.

Livni on Thursday gave her potential coalition partners an ultimatum, saying they had three days to join a new government under her leadership or face the prospect of early elections.

Her Kadima party already had the backing of the center-left Labor party and was expected to keep the small Pensioners party in the government — but needed the ultra-Orthodox Shas party to secure a solid majority in the 120-seat parliament.

On Friday, however, Shas said it would not join Livni as she had refused to pledge that the future status of Jerusalem would not be on the agenda in negotiations with the Palestinians.

Sovereignty over Arab parts of Jerusalem, where about 270,000 Palestinians live, is a key Palestinian demand without which a peace treaty would be impossible.

The renewal of Israeli-

Palestinian peace talks at a U.S.-hosted conference last November was supposed to have produced a final deal by the end of 2008, but there has been no agreement and both sides have acknowledged that the target is unreachable.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said Saturday that a scheduled Monday meeting between Olmert and President Mahmoud Abbas had been postponed until further notice. He did not say why.

Pakistani troops capture militant stronghold, cutting link to Afghan border

By Mazir Ahmad
Associated Press writer

LOISAM, Pakistan — A two-month offensive by Pakistani forces has driven militants from a stronghold through which Taliban and al-Qaida fighters had poured into neighboring Afghanistan to attack U.S. troops, the army said Saturday.

But operation claimed the lives of at least 95 civilians — a number that is a critical issue here that observers warn can only increase sympathy for the militants.

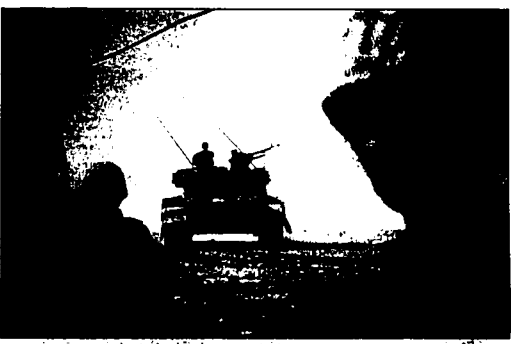
The military said its forces captured Loi Sam in the Bajur region Friday after a long and bloody struggle. The town sits on a vital intersection linking the border to three neighboring Pakistan regions.

"Now we have complete control in this area from where miscreants used to go to Afghanistan, Mohmand, Dir and Swat," army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas told reporters flown in to Bajur by military helicopter. "Miscreants have been expelled or killed."

Bajur is part of Pakistan's tribal belt that has become the stronghold of Taliban and al-Qaida fighters waging an intensifying insurgency on both sides of the border.

The army offensive in Bajur was launched in early August, after government officials declared it a "no-go sanctuary" for militants who had set up a virtual mini-state, complete with Taliban-style courts.

U.S. officials worried about record fatalities among their forces in Afghanistan have praised the operation and said it was helping reduce violence on the Afghan side. But the Americans have not halted missile strikes on suspected



A Pakistani armored vehicle fires toward Taliban positions in Loi Sam, in the Bajur tribal region of Pakistan on Saturday. Pakistan's army said Saturday its forces captured Loi Sam, a key militant stronghold near the Afghan border.

militants hide-outs in other parts of Pakistan's wild border region, despite Islamabad's protests that the attacks violate its sovereignty.

The army says it faced stiff resistance near Loi Sam from Taliban militants reinforced by foreign fighters, including some from Afghanistan.

Maj. Gen. Tariq Khan, who commands a paramilitary force, said it could still take six months to a year to gain complete control of Bajur.

Violence and government restrictions have made it virtually impossible to verify accounts of the fighting.

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al-Zawahri, but Khan said the troops had not picked up their trail.

Khan's count of 95 civilian deaths was the first official estimate. Noncombatants killed in the fighting, he didn't say whether they were killed by militants or troops, though officials have acknowledged that artillery and airstrikes have devastated many residential areas.

Nearly 200,000 people have fled the fighting, many of them to rough camps in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Reporters driven from Khar, the region's main town, to Loi Sam Saturday saw devastated residential compounds, some of them connected by militant tunnels, leaving both sides of the road.

In Loi Sam itself, hardly a building had escaped. Houses, shops and gas stations were

badly damaged or destroyed. The only people on the debris-strewn streets were soldiers.



Devastated Government Ministry Building in Loi Sam, Saturday. The only people on the debris-strewn streets were soldiers.

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Vandals break 17-game WAC slide, top NMSU

By Josh Wright
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — The moment Chase Holbrook's desperation fling landed softly in cornerback Isaac Butts' hands, the bedlam began. Idaho players pranced onto the field, the student body rushed en masse down the aisles and coach Robb Akey was drenched with Gatorade.

Watching the wild celebration unfold at the Kibbie Dome, you would have thought the Vandals had just captured the WAC championship. Yet for a team that had gone two-plus years without a conference win, Saturday's 20-14 breakthrough over New Mexico State probably felt just as satisfying.

"There's about a 750,000-



New Mexico State linebacker Jason Scott (left), pressures Idaho quarterback Nathan Enderle (10) as Haeman Kris Anderson (85) blocks line-

been busting their butts." Idaho (2-7, 1-4) shed a 23-game losing streak to FBS competition and a 17-game WAC skid by holding off the Aggies in front of an announced homecoming crowd of 15,010. The victory wasn't sealed until Butts intercepted Holbrook inside Idaho's 5-yard line as the final seconds ticked off the clock.

Moments later, a horde of Vandal players and students formed a mosh pit at midfield, bouncing up and down on the Idaho logo. The festive scene seemed a tad over the top for a win against the 3-4 Aggies.

Then again, maybe it wasn't.

"Oh, it's humorous," line-

back Justin Allen said of students storming the field. "But it's fun. They haven't

tered on his face. "I tell you what, I am as happy as I can be for those kids. They've

had a good victory here in a while, so it's acceptable. ... It's good to get some excitement back in the Dome."

Most of roars during the game were directed to the Vandal defense. Spearheaded by Allen and lineman Josh Shaw, Idaho held NMSU scoreless in the second half and stopped the Aggies on three of four fourth-down tries.

Shaw sacked Holbrook twice and Allen came up with an INT and fumble recovery. It was a startling turnaround for a unit that came into game ranked last in the FBS in total defense.

"The defense played their butts off today," center Adam Kirby said. "They played the best game of their season, and we won because of them."

On top of defense's ser-

ling day, Idaho cranked out 271 rushing yards, 160 coming from speedy scatback Princeton McCarty. The freshman gave the Vandals a spark from the start.

McCarty accounted for all of the team's 67 yards in an impressive opening drive. He punctuated the march by darting to the outside, then cutting back to the middle and outrunning several defenders for a 54-yard TD scamper.

New Mexico State responded with two Holbrook-to-Chris Williams TD passes in the second quarter. But after that, the Idaho defense clamped down.

"It was nice to see those kids playing with confidence," Akey said. "And they

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Payback

CSI steamrolls No. 5 Salt Lake

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

One emphatic three-game sweep deserves another.

After the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team was made to watch film this week of how poorly it played in being swept aside at Salt Lake Community College three weeks ago, the Golden Eagles came out both angry and focused on Saturday when the Bruins made the return trip.

Parlaying emotion and intensity with unrelenting desire, No. 12 CSI stuck it to No. 5 Salt Lake with a 25-23, 25-17, 25-21 win that wasn't quite as close as the final score indicated.

"I'm thrilled just that we finally played our game. Down to every player, no one was above, no one else was below," said CSI head coach Heidi Cartliser.

The emotion was tangible, and it snowballed with pretty much every point CSI (29-5, 7-2 Scenic West Athletic Conference) scored. There was the emphatic combo block from Alyssa Wistrick and Jazmine Ma'afala.

Then there was the facial Santa Sanders delivered on Salt Lake setter Thyrie Rechiaño. Alyssa Wistrick's 10-foot-line put-down of an overpass. Jessica Peacock's world-class cut shot that clipped the 10-foot line and the sideline, cross-court. Wistrick's slam on the quickest, Torrey Hulsey's solo smit block.

Oh, yeah, and the six jumpserve aces from setter Jelena Savic.



College of Southern Idaho volleyball players celebrate after earning a 2-0 win against the Salt Lake Community College Bruins Saturday afternoon in Tula Falls.

In short, things couldn't have gone much better for the Golden Eagles, particularly against their fiercest rivals.

"We proved that you can lose 3-0 and come back and win 3-0, and that was all on emotion ... and a little bit of hatred," said Peacock, who had a match-high 11 kills on

20 attacks. Sanders followed with seven kills, while Wistrick and Hulsey had six apiece as well. Wistrick played the final two games of the match after sitting out all week plus Game 1 to nurse a tender foot.

Despite the loss, Salt Lake (27-8, 7-1) will still pick up

the conference championship and both the No. 1 seed and hosting rights for the Region 18 Tournament with one win in its final two matches, or if CSI loses to North Idaho next Saturday. Given that the Bruins' matches are at home against

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Bliss defender Ambrosio Nava (5) battles for the ball with a Wendell player during the teams' consolation final showdowns at the Class 3A soccer tournament in Caldwell on Saturday.

Bliss beats Wendell for 3A consolation

By Dustin Lagay
Times-News correspondent

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State soccer roundup
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CALDWELL — This was the consolation game of the Class 3A boys state soccer tournament, but for Bliss and Wendell, it was a contest of proximity. The two schools are just a freeway and some country fields apart.

Many of the players in Saturday's game, a game the Bears won 2-0, have played for both Bliss and Wendell. Trojan head coach Jon Goss said he has family on the Bliss team.

The teams played four times this season, splitting the games 2-2. Wendell won the conference championship and Bliss won the consolation championship at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

"This was like our county championship," Bliss head coach Daniel Knapp said. "We know each other very well. We're equal in talent and ability. We knew it was going to come down to who wanted it more."

The match had the look of disorder. Neither team

could control the ball for more than a dozen seconds, before turning it over. Distance on the field was often misjudged, owing mainly to the fact the teams played on a shortened field (about 20 yards smaller than normal) at Vallivue. Neither team could score in the first half. Near the end of the half and into the start of the second, Bliss began getting to more stray balls and put some pressure on the Trojans.

"We didn't quite get the attack we needed in the first half," Goss said. "Bliss really came at us, had a little better control than we had. We started gaining that, but shots off frame aren't going to go in the net. We had good opportunities, but we didn't get it on frame."

Wendell had nearly scored in the first half when a shot rang off the post and

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CSI's Plunkett injures knee at scrimmages

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

Seven minutes into a scrimmage against Salt Lake Community College on Friday, Maddy Plunkett planted her foot, turned and heard a dreadful pop in her knee.

The 6-foot-2 College of Southern Idaho sophomore point, named a preseason NCAA All-American on Thursday, now will undergo an MRI on Monday to learn the extent of her knee injury. "There's not a ton of

swelling. We're hoping that's good news." CSI head

women's basketball coach Randy Rogers said on Saturday.

While the swelling isn't bad, Plunkett told her coach Saturday that the pain level is rising. Plunkett attended Saturday's CSI-SLCC volleyball match at

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Philadelphia Phillies fan Ben McCarter stands in the aisle at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia before Game 2 of the World Series between the Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday. He displaced the game by more than 30 minutes before play finally got underway, with the game tied 4-4 in the eighth inning at 11 p.m., Sunday night. For a full report visit magickvalley.com/sports.

Jerome boys cruise to third-place game win

Times-News
 Fermin Martinez bagged a hat trick and Sergio Martinez added a fourth goal as Jerome rebounded from Friday's disappointing state semifinal loss to Sandpoint with a 4-0 win over Century in the Class 4A boys soccer third-place game at Brothers Park in Caldwell.

It wasn't the championship trophy that the Tigers

(19-1 final record) wanted to bring home to Jerome, but the third-place trophy marks the first in the Tigers' trophy cabinet for soccer, according to head coach Robert Garcia. And finishing the season with just one loss, that coming Friday to eventual state champion Sandpoint, isn't too shabby either.

Third place is a far cry from when Garcia took over the program four years ago,

and when Sergio Mendoza and two other seniors on this Tigers squad entered high school.

"We had a talk with them after the (Sandpoint) game and we just had to get the spirits up. We told them they played a heck of a game and Sandpoint is just a good team, we were just on the wrong side of the bracket," Garcia said of Friday's loss before returning to address

Saturday's win. "They were glad that they got the trophy and they knew that they had played through some really good games. It meant a lot to (Mendoza) because when he got to high school, we couldn't even win three games in our schedule. So going from there to winning the third-place trophy at state, it's really awesome and they feel really good about it."

Garcia also expressed gratitude to the teams from Wendell and Wood River, both of which came to cheer Jerome on in the semifinal round.

shutout of Century at Brothers Park in Caldwell on Saturday.

Almos Evans scored twice for Wood River in the semifinal round.

Wood River, which lost to eventual champion Bishop Kelly in the first round, has played for a trophy in each of the last five seasons.

Girls soccer

WOOD RIVER 5, CENTURY 0
 Almos Evans scored twice for Wood River in its third consolation trophy in the last five years with a 5-0

Class 5A
At Eagle/Meridian/Rocky Mountain HS
Boys
Thursday, Oct. 23
Game 1: Mountain View 1, Coeur d'Alene 0
Game 2: Centennial 1, Skyline 0
Game 3: Timberline 2, Idaho Falls 0
Game 4: Boise 1, Eagle 0
Friday, Oct. 24
Game 5: Coeur d'Alene 1, Skyline 0 (Skyline eliminated)
Game 6: Idaho Falls 2, Eagle 0 (Eagle eliminated)
Game 7: Mountain View 2, Centennial 0
Game 8: Boise 7, Timberline 2
Saturday, Oct. 25
Consolation: Idaho Falls 2, Coeur d'Alene 1
Third-place: Centennial 2, Timberline 1
Championship: Boise 4, Mountain View 1

Girls
Thursday, Oct. 23
Game 1: Capital 4, Sandpoint 0
Game 2: Boise 4, Twin Falls 0
Game 3: Timberline 3, Highland 0
Game 4: Centennial 1, Mountain View 0
Friday, Oct. 24
Game 5: Sandpoint 4, Twin Falls 0 (Twin Falls eliminated)
Game 6: Mountain View 4, Highland 0 (Highland eliminated)
Game 7: Capital 0, Boise 0, Capital advances 5-3 on penalties
Game 8: Timberline 3, Centennial 0
Saturday, Oct. 25
Consolation: Sandpoint 2, Mountain View 1
Third-place: Boise 4, Centennial 1
Championship: Timberline 2, Capital 1, OT

Class 4A
At Brothers Park, Caldwell

Boys
Thursday, Oct. 23
Game 1: Jerome 6, Middleton 0
Game 2: Sandpoint 4, Hillcrest 0
Game 3: Century 2, Skyview 2, Century advances 4-2 on penalties
Game 4: Columbia 4, Bonnellville 3
Friday, Oct. 24
Game 5: Hillcrest 1, Middleton 0 (Middleton eliminated)
Game 6: Skyview 1, Bonnellville 0 (Bonnellville eliminated)
Game 7: Sandpoint 3, Jerome 1
Game 8: Columbia 3, Century 0
Saturday, Oct. 25
Consolation: Skyview 1, Skyline 1, Skyview wins 4-3 on penalties
Third-place: Jerome 4, Century 0
At Syringa Middle School, Caldwell
Championship: Sandpoint 5, Columbia 1

Girls
Thursday, Oct. 23
Game 1: Bishop Kelly 2, Wood River 0
Game 2: Moscow 6, Bonnellville 0
Game 3: Skyview 3, Century 0
Game 4: Columbia 2, Hillcrest 0
Friday, Oct. 24
Game 5: Wood River 8, Bonnellville 0 (Bonnellville eliminated)
Game 6: Century 1, Hillcrest 0 (Hillcrest eliminated)
Game 7: Bishop Kelly 2, Moscow 1
Game 8: Skyview 5, Columbia 1
Saturday, Oct. 25
Consolation: Wood River 5, Century 0
Third-place: Columbia 2, Moscow 1, OT
At Syringa Middle School, Caldwell
Championship: Bishop Kelly 3, Skyview 2

Class 3A
At Vallivue HS

Boys
Thursday, Oct. 23
Game 1: Bonners Ferry 5, Aberdeen 1
Game 2: American Falls 5, Bliss 3
Game 3: Sugar-Salem 1, Weiser 0
Game 4: Payette 2, Wendell 0
Friday, Oct. 24
Game 5: Bliss 6, Aberdeen 1 (Aberdeen eliminated)
Game 6: Wendell 0, Weiser 0, Wendell advances 7-6 on penalties (Weiser eliminated)
Game 7: American Falls 2, Bonners Ferry 1
Game 8: Payette 2, Sugar-Salem 1
Saturday, Oct. 25
Consolation: Bliss 2, Wendell 0
Third-place: Bonners Ferry 3, Sugar-Salem 1
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Girls
Thursday, Oct. 23
Game 1: Fruitland 5, Buhl 1
Game 2: Payette 3, Snake River 1
Game 3: Bonners Ferry 2, Teton 2, Bonners Ferry advances 4-3 on penalties
Game 4: Shelley 0, Community School 0, Shelley advances 3-2 on penalties
Friday, Oct. 24
Game 5: Snake River 3, Buhl 2 (Buhl eliminated)
Game 6: Teton 1, Community School 0 (Community School eliminated)
Game 7: Fruitland 1, Payette 0
Game 8: Shelley 0, Bonners Ferry 0, Shelley advances 3-2 on penalties
Saturday, Oct. 25
Consolation: Teton 2, Snake River 0
Third-place: Payette 3, Bonners Ferry 1
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Jerome drops state play-in game

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Jerome started strong, but didn't have quite enough Saturday, falling 22-25, 25-9, 25-22 to Rigby in a Class 4A state tournament play-in match at Highland High School in Boeclia.

The Tigers, who beat Preston on Thursday to reach Saturday's match, finish the season 10-14.

"I'm just so proud of the girls," said Jerome coach Steve Burke. "From where we started the season and how we looked in mid-season compared to where we finished the last two weeks, we've been playing by far our best volleyball."

Carrie Thibault had 32 digs and four kills for the Tigers, while Hailey Henrieta added seven kills and three blocks. Melissa Marling totaled 20 assists. Chelsea Layne (seven kills) and Jordana Hollifield (four kills) chipped in offensively, while Nicole Valle and Hailey Long each had 25 assists.

Rigby advances to the 4A state tournament, which begins Friday at Skyline High in Idaho Falls. Wood River will represent District IV at the two-day tournament.

Class 3A

FILER 3, WEISER 1
 Filer showed guts and took the glory on Saturday in a four-game state play-in victory over Weiser in Mountain Home. The Wildcats won the match 25-8, 23-25, 25-22, 28-26.

Playing as a solo setter for much of the time due to senior Charmaine Weatherly's ankle injury, sophomore Leah Schaal dished out 36 assists. Katerina Viestra led the Wildcats with 20 kills, followed by 14 each from McKenzie Jasper and Natalie Hughes.

Down 23-17 in the fourth game, Filer rallied to push it past the normal 25-point mark. Danielle Schaal wrapped up the match with her third ace.

Filer coach Ed Richards was left with next to no voice after the match, but he said that his blockers against Weiser did well against "what I'd think is one of the tallest teams in the state."

Filer (28-7) advances to a Class 3A state tournament first-round match Friday against Sugar Salem at Bonnellville High School in Idaho Falls.

Class 1A

RAFT RIVER 3, TRI-VALLEY 0
 Raft River punched its ticket to the Class 1A Division I state tournament with a 25-23, 25-7, 25-15 sweep of Tri-Valley Saturday at Mountain High High School.

The Trojans capped a busy week of play with the win. "It's been a long week," said Raft River coach Cami Schumann, "but we came out strong today and the girls proved they belonged in the state tournament."

Raft River will open tournament play at noon Friday at Kimberly High School.

Chester Nye fueled Saturday's win with 17 kills and five blocks, while Whitney Holtmann added 16 kills and four blocks. The Trojans served well in the match with Marli Manning (19-for-19), Janelle Jones (12-for-12), Marissa Greenwood and Dani Thomas earning 100-percent serving.

Manning also had 66 assists. "I'm proud of the girls for coming out and playing so hard," said Schumann.

Prep football playoffs

The high-school football playoffs begin next weekend with Class 4A-2A taking off in full swing. In Class 2A's District IV, those playoffs get started even earlier when Dado, Glenns Ferry and Valley take to a three-team playoff at 6 p.m., Monday at Valley High School to sort out the district's two entrants to the 16-team playoff.

Below is the schedule for the first round of playoff games. The "M" designator indicates the designated home team only, as some teams do not have a home field that meets playoff requirements and thus cannot host a game at their site, and other games may be moved to a neutral site (i.e., some District IV, V or VI games will likely be played at Wendell or Payette) at the teams' discretion. All times are local. All times are listed on the next few pages.

Class 4A
Game 1: Burley at Pocatello (at Holt Arena) 6 p.m. Friday
Century at Hillcrest
Rigby at Marsdia (at Rupert) 7 p.m. Friday
Jerome at Blackfoot (at Holt Arena) 7 p.m. Thursday

Class 3A
Game 1: Weiser at Kimberly
South Fremont at American Falls
Marsh Valley at Shelley
Salmon at Snake River
Kalispell at Orofino
Buhl at Payette
Wendell at Fruitland
Fruit River at Timberlake

Class 2A
Game 1: Rida at District IV No. 1
Firth at Aberdeen
Cole Valley at Parnas
New Plymouth at Idaho
Wood Side at West Jefferson
Melard at District IV No. 2
Kamiah at Orangeville
Marsing atampa Christian

Injure

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 CSI Gymnasium with a brace on her knee and crutches under both arms.

A trainer at SLCC told Rogers her beloved the Australian stand-out had injured her ACL, but the Golden Eagles are holding out hope they won't have to be without a player who averaged 14.8 points and 7.7 rebounds as a freshman.

"We won't know until Monday or Tuesday what the extent of the injury is," said Rogers.

If Plunkett is sidelined long-term, it'll be a big blow for a team ranked No. 3 in the NJCAA preseason poll. Plunkett and fellow All-American Soana Lucet were expected to lead this year's Golden Eagles.

"So and Maddy feel like they have this 1-2 punch going," said Rogers, "so it'll be different if she's out there. We've got our work cut out now. Some other kids will have to step up."

CSI is slated to open the season Nov. 6 against Hill Community College (Texas) at the Midland Tournament in Texas.

Idaho

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 couldn't wait to get back on the field."

It was a good thing too, because quarterback Akey and his team. Aggie coach Hal Mumme said, "They came out fired up and they obviously wanted to win this game. You just got to give all credit to the Vandals; they outplayed us."

The Vandals are back in action next Saturday when they welcome San Jose State to the Kibbie Dome for a 3 p.m., MDT kickoff.

CSI

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 Eastern Utah and Colorado Northwestern, the bottom two teams in the league, CSI is already planning to go back to Salt Lake.

The Golden Eagles will do so having given Salt Lake, and the rest of the SWAC, something to think about.

"We were down a bit in our confidence after a couple of devastating losses, but it's a credit to the girls that we've been able to come back from that," Ivackov said. "The (placements and rankings) have never really mattered to us. We've known that we can beat these kinds of teams and now we've proven it."

Wistrick, known for her fire and flamboyance, was a little more cautious in her assessment.

"We're going to have to prepare and get ready for regionals, because it's on their floor and it's different down there," she said.

CSI hosts North Idaho next Saturday in its final home match of the regular season. The Golden Eagles will clinch the No. 2 seed to the Region 18 Tournament with a victory.

Cartisier hinted that she didn't think the match matters as much for seeding purposes as it does for preserving a perfect home record on the season and sending the sophomores out with a win, even if the No. 2 seed gets a first-round bye.

"I think that if we can come out and play our game through the tournament, it doesn't really matter where we're seeded," she said. "We'll be fine."

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Bliss

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 a rebound saved over the net. The Trojans had few real scoring opportunities, but they put on the pressure. The weight of playing three games in three days seemed to wear on both teams, but in the second half, it was the Bears who looked to have fresher legs.

"It was taxing," Knapp said. "Everybody was tired. It came down to heart. My boys really stepped it up and we're proud of them."

Luis Cortez scored the first goal for Bliss on a header to the right of the net in the 44th minute. It blew a little extra gust to the Bears' sails as Bliss built a 2-0 lead six minutes later. Cole Erkin, the swift forward, dishing up shots all day, finally scored on a rebound in the 60th minute. Alexis Camargo, Wendell's freshman

keeper, made two saves on the goal, but Erkin's astiduousness paid off to account for the final margin.

Wendell's roster is young overall, but a couple of seniors stood out Saturday. Victor Gonzalez, played tough on defense and in the midfield, using his size advantage in making headers and clearing the ball. The other senior, Miguel Orozco, played the last two games with a foot injury and went down twice Saturday. He was hobbling, but played on. When he went down, a Bliss player he played baseball with — senior defender Erik Gutierrez — helped him off the field.

J.J. Barrosac, a speedy Bliss senior midfielder, released the fear that he could end his season with a win. He and three other Bears actually attend

Glenns Ferry High School and drive to Bliss to play soccer, because the Pilots don't have a program. Bliss plays IA in other sports. Wendell is 2A, but both play in the IA for this year. Both got something out of this game.

"Hardware is good," Knapp said of his consolation trophy. "We'll build on that for next year. It really makes a nice crescendo right at the end of the season."

For Wendell, this game was about the future. Carlos Sarabia joins senior sophomores on the Trojan squad.

"We're very proud of our team, how far they've gone this year," Goss said. "They should be congratulated for raising the bar for soccer at Wendell; we're excited. We plan on coming back to state next year."



Biffle still chasing Johnson for Sprint Cup title

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Credit Greg Biffle and Jeff Burton for their confidence. Although Jimmie Johnson is turning the Sprint Cup title chase into a rout, neither driver is conceding anything to the two-time defending champion.

"I promise you, it's not over," Biffle boasted.

But it sure seems that way as Johnson has steadily pulled away from the competition. He heads into Sunday's race at Atlanta Motor Speedway up 149 points over Biffle, while Burton is 152 points out with just four races left in the season.

A driver can make up 161 points in a single event, assuming he leads the most laps en route to victory and

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Johnson finishes last, but that's fairly unlikely to happen to Johnson and his Hendrick Motorsports crew: The No. 48 team has won 13 of the 46 Chase races since the format was introduced in 2004.

Barring a complete collapse — and Johnson and his crew are far too prepared for that to happen — he'll have this title wrapped up well before the Nov. 16 season finale at Homestead. History is on his side, too. No driver has ever come back from a deficit greater than 144 with

four races to go. But the competition is refusing to concede, despite knowing it will take a perfect month of performance — and some Johnson bad luck — to make this a race.

"We're going to have to have four flawless races," Biffle said. "If you do the math, 149 points divided by four, that's obviously what we need to pick up per race — it's got to be those positions or more. But we know if he slips there that we have to capitalize, and if he has a problem, we have got to finish well in that event."

"It's certainly possible. We're just going to do the best we can and see where he ends up at the end of the day."

Johnson isn't claiming the Sprint Cup just yet, either, and is keeping a close eye on his challenger. He's most worried about Carl Edwards, a six-race winner during the "regular season" who slipped to fourth in the standings after mechanical problems in Round 5 of the Chase.

"If we have a 43rd-place finish, it would probably allow more than just Carl in, but for whatever reason, my eyes have kind of stopped there at Carl," Johnson said. "I try to look at the worst case scenario, and if we leave here with 43rd-place points, who has a shot and who is very good at the tracks that are coming up."

"That way I can look forward to what my team needs

to do, what I need to do in the seat. Stay focused on positive things and things that put a smile on my face instead of worrying about a negative side to it."

But Johnson is the one who is good at the remaining tracks on the schedule, including Atlanta, where he has three wins and nine top-10 finishes in 14 races here. He swept the races here last season, and starts from the pole Sunday because rain washed out qualifying and the field was set by points.

"This track has been real good to us over the years," Johnson said.

The exception was the March race here, when Johnson — and all of Hendrick Motorsports —

struggled to find a groove with the current car. He finished 13th — his worst showing since 2005.

"We still managed to get a decent finish, but it was a struggle for us here," he said. "We had a car here that was really tough to drive. I still have those thoughts in my head."

But Johnson won't go easy Sunday, or in any other Chase race. He plans to race for wins in pursuit of this title.

"In the past we have been able to win here in the fall. We would really like to keep that alive and stay aggressive and try to win again in the Chase with everything that is on the line," he said. "We're focused, we're committed and we are excited about the weekend."



Isiah Thomas, pictured at a Knicks game in New York on Dec. 15, 2007, was hospitalized Friday after an overdose of sleeping pills, but told reporters it was his daughter who was ill.

Police chief rebukes Thomas for involving daughter

NEW YORK (AP) — A suburban police chief lashed out at an accidental overdose at Isiah Thomas' home to a "cover-up" and rebuked the former New York Knicks coach Saturday for saying it was his teenage daughter who required treatment.

"It wasn't his daughter," Harrison Police Chief David Hall told The Associated Press. "And why they're throwing her under the bus is beyond my ability to understand."

Authorities were called early Friday to Thomas' Westchester County home, where police said a 47-year-old man was taken to the hospital and treated for an overdose of sleeping pills. Several media outlets reported that police confirmed it was Thomas who went to the hospital.

He reached on his cell phone Friday, the 47-year-old NBA great told The New York Post. He had not been treated for a sleeping pill overdose and that it was 17-year-old daughter Lauren who had a medical issue.

"It wasn't an overdose," he told the newspaper. "My daughter is very down right now. None of us are ill."

Hall forcefully refuted Thomas' statement.

"My cops know the difference between a 47-year-old black male and a young black female," Hall said. "These people should learn something from Richard Nixon — it's not the crime, it's the cover-up," he added.

Voice mails and text messages from the AP were left on Thomas' cell phone Saturday. Messages left earlier with Thomas' publicist and two of his attorneys were not returned.

No suicide note was found, and police were classifying the case as an "accidental drug overdose" on "a number" of prescription sleeping pills, Hall said.

Hall would not confirm the identity of the hospitalized man.

Thomas' 20-year-old son, Isiah, also said he was hospitalized, not his father, who requested treatment.

"He's fine," the Indiana University student told The Associated Press. "Reports of sleeping pills are false."

The developments, days before the start of another season, are the latest drama in what has been a difficult year for Thomas.

He was fired as the Knicks coach April 16 after a season of dreadful basketball. A widely sexual harassment lawsuit and widespread claims from fans demanding his dismissal, he was retrained by the organization as an adviser and consultant.

Isiah Thomas spoke with members of the New York Knicks organization and its OK, the Knicks said in a statement. "He's dealing with a family matter, and we will have no further comment. He has asked that we respect his privacy, and we will."

An ambulance and two police officers responded to a 911 call that came in from the Thomas home a couple minutes after midnight, Hall said. The victim was taken about 5 miles from the home to White Plains Hospital Center, where officials declined to identify the overdose patient.

Thomas' home is on a luxury cul-de-sac of multimillion-dollar homes, about 30 miles from midtown Manhattan.

As a player, Thomas won NBA titles with the Detroit Pistons in 1989 and 1990 and an NBA championship with Indiana in 1991. He joined the Knicks as the team president in 2003 and became coach in June 2004 after Larry Brown was fired.

Last season, Thomas drew the wrath of fans, who were chanted him nightly with names of "Ire Isiah" when he was dismissed, his record in New York was 56-108 (.342). He is 187-223 as an NBA coach, leading the Indiana Pacers to the playoffs in three straight years from 2003-05.

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Associated Press writer

Buy their Slam Dunk Sampler ticket package, and the Indiana Pacers will throw in Kevin Garnett, LeBron James and Kevin Durant for free as you go. The St. Louis Blues told fans to name their own price for season tickets — within reason, of course.

Out in California, a family of four will be able to take in Oakland Athletics games for \$40 on Fridays next season, meals included.

Even before the economic meltdown, leagues and individual teams alike had acknowledged that most fans can't spend several hundred dollars — and some not even \$100 — to go to a game.

Now with stocks plunging and a steady drumbeat of layoffs, bankruptcies and foreclosures, sales efforts such as variable pricing, pay-as-you-go plans, package deals and even mandated cheap seats are growing. They're likely to only get more popular.

"We read the papers and know there are jobs disappearing and people being laid off," said Greg Schenker, the Pacers' vice president of corporate and public relations. "We were not oblivious to the real world out there."

"We're a business, too, and pro sports can't ask like we're immune from that."

The latest promotions may seem at odds with other developments in the sports world: Tickets at the new Yankee Stadium go for as high as \$2,500 — face value — and some Dallas Cowboys fans are shelling out \$150,000 just for the right to buy a seat.

Indeed, average ticket prices in all four leagues have been on a steady climb for more than a decade now, with the NBA and NFL seeing drops only after labor strife. The average NFL ticket this season costs \$72.20, an 8 percent increase, while baseball's went up 10 percent to \$25.43 and the NHL is up 5 percent to \$49.66, according to the National Marketing Report's annual survey.

The NBA's average was \$48.83 last season, the most

Cheap-seats fans getting a break as economy sours

recent numbers available. TMZ said. They were drinks, souvenirs and parking, and going to a game appears to be a budget-buster.

But what's really happening is a widening gulf between the big-spend ticket holders and money-conscious fans — with new efforts aimed at keeping everybody, especially the have-nots, in their seats.

"If you look at the straight numbers, yes, the average ticket prices has gone up. But at the same time, for the Joe Average fans, it's never been better," said Dan Migala, president of The Migala Report, a monthly sports marketing publication.

"We've had more economic options," said Migala, who scored a \$5 ticket to a Yankees game this summer by using a sponsor promotion. "There are some great buys if you have some flexibility for opportunities over the week, a volume purchase. It's just required maybe a little more window shopping to find bargains."

Part of the reason teams are able to give the economy-class fans a break is because the higher-priced seats are still selling out so much.

Jack Nicholson is paying \$2,500 a game for his court-side seats at Los Angeles Lakers games, and individual tickets can cost as much as \$15. Even the NBA's best teams come to town. The best seats at Philadelphia Flyers games are \$225 a year. The highest-priced Super Bowl tickets will crack the \$1,000 mark for the first time this year.

What many franchises have discovered is that by raising the cost of their premium seats and making them more attractive — throw in food and beverages, for example, or best service and parking, they can hold on to their top-tier seats elsewhere in their arenas and ballparks.

"We have definitely taken kind of the Robin Hood approach in ticket pricing," said Sam Kennedy, the Los Angeles Rams' executive vice president of ticket sales and marketing office.

Most baseball teams are

still in the process of setting ticket prices for next season, but commissioner Bud Selig warned owners earlier this month not to "get too cocky." The Washington Nationals have already said they're cutting prices on 7,500 tickets in their 41,800-seat stadium next season, and the San Francisco Giants indicated they might have reductions in some seating areas, too.

"What you end up getting is a greater disparity between the highest-priced ticket and the lowest-priced ticket. That gap is increasing over time," said Craig Depken, an economics professor at UNC-Charlotte who specializes in sports economics.

"I can see why the teams want to give the lower price differential as great as they can to ensure lower-priced tickets are sold, while keeping the higher-priced seats," Depken said. "Higher-priced tickets tend to go, and it's the cheaper seats that are the alternative."

Even at Fenway, which has been sold out for every game since May 15, 2003, the Red Sox have been able to freeze ticket prices in some sections by adding premium seating areas or giving those customers more add-ons.

One year, Kennedy said, ticket prices remained the same in 80 percent of the ballpark.

"Make no mistake, we've done everything to try and drive down the price. We think that ticketing is an area where we'd be short-sighted to try and get every last dollar out of the market place."

If you're a working mom on dad and you're trying to bring home the money, you know that when we're pricing tickets and food if they can't afford it or are priced out, we're going to lose a generation of fans."

That was the NBA's fear back in 1999.

Worried fans were being priced out of the game, the NBA mandated that teams have at least 500 tickets priced at \$10 or lower for every game. There is now an average of 1,000 of those low-cost tickets per game, team executive David Stern said Thursday.

Sutherland leads after third round at Scottsdale's Frys.com Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Kevin Sutherland shot a 7-under 63 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over George Mickel after the third round of the Frys.com Open, the fifth of the PGA Tour's seven Fall Series events.

The 44-year-old Sutherland had a 14-under 196 total on Grayhawk's Rapier Course. Mickel followed his second round 63 with a 67.

"I've played terrific all year," said Sutherland, who won the 2002 Accenture Match Play Championship for his lone PGA Tour title.

"This is my last tournament of the year, so it's great to cap it off with a win."

Thirty-second on the money list with just over \$2 million, Sutherland had

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BYU narrowly escapes a second-straight loss

PROVO, Utah (AP)—No. 18 BYU was in danger of going from the nation's longest winning streak to a losing streak in barely a week.

The Cougars rallied for a late touchdown and 2-point conversion, then intercepted a pass in the end zone as time expired in a 42-35 win over UNLV on Saturday.

"Obviously your nerves get a little bit going when you have situations like that," said Austin Collier, who had his sixth straight 100-yard receiving game for BYU. "But the defense pulled through and we did exactly what they needed to do and we got the win."

BYU was coming off its first loss of the season, a 32-7 rout at TCU that all but ended the Cougars' hopes of a BCS berth through the second time in the game and the Rebels got a 35-yard field goal by Max Payne to put BYU up 34-28 with 6:36 left to play.



BYU running back Harvey Unga (45) struggles for more yardage as he is brought down by UNLV defensive back Waisale Reoard (22) during the fourth quarter Saturday's game in Provo, Utah.

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UNLV (3-5, 0-4), which gained 463 yards and converted 11 of 15 times on third down, wasn't done. The Rebels drove to the BYU 14, but a sack pushed them back to the 25 and Omar Clayton's pass to the end zone on the final play was intercepted by Andrew Rich.

"Even though it took quite a while, eventually it did hold," BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said of the Cougars' defense. The Rebels, who fell to 3-13 against BYU, never let the Cougars get ahead by more than a touchdown.

"There were times when we had it and they turned around and came right back. They're a very resilient team," BYU linebacker David Nixon said. Collier had seven catches for 113 yards and set up BYU's first touchdown with a 75-yard return on the opening kickoff. The Cougars set up

another score by forcing UNLV to punt from its end zone and partially blocking it. The Rebels answered nearly every score by BYU until the very end.

"We've just got to do a little bit more," UNLV coach Mike Sanford said. "I thought it was a very physical game and I thought we bounced back from a lot of very, very tough hits and came back and played."

Hall was 24-for-31 for 245 yards, throwing TDs to Pitta, Andrew George, Ful Wakapuna and O'Neill Chambers.

Clayton was 28-for-40 for 321 yards and a touchdown. He was knocked wozy in the first half and backup Mike Clausen had two touchdowns runs for the Rebels. UNLV's Frank Summers also ran for two touchdowns as UNLV outgained BYU 463-454. The Rebels survived a failed

fake punt from their own 34, holding to BYU to just a 39-yard field goal by Max Payne to put BYU up 34-28 with 6:36 left to play.

BYU's kickoff went out of bounds for the second time in the game and the Rebels got a 40. On first down, Clayton found Phillip Payne for a 22-yard pass and Payne held on despite getting sandwiched between BYU's Scott Johnson and David Tafuna. Payne stayed down for several minutes and Sanford fumed at the officials, wanting a penalty for a helmet-to-helmet hit. The call never came, but the Rebels scored five plays later and led by a point.

UNLV was coming off a one-point loss to Air Force and has lost four straight. "We just didn't make enough plays," Sanford said. "Obviously, that's been a recurring theme."

Hubel throws Vikings past ISU

PORTLAND, Ore. — Drew Hubel passed for 474 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Vandals State to a 36-13 victory in Big Sky Conference action on Saturday.

After playing a solid first half, Idaho State trailed only 16-13 late in the third quarter. But Portland State mounted a long drive that ended with a 35-yard field goal by Danny Urrego and the Vikings had a six-point lead.

The turning point of the game came when the Bengals fumbled away the ensuing kickoff. One play later, Hubel found Raymond Fry for a 26-yard touchdown. But a span of 15 seconds, Portland State had turned a close game into a comfortable 26-13 advantage.

With their next possession, the Bengals moved almost the length of the field. But the drive sputtered deep in Portland State territory and a fourth-down pass by Idaho State quarterback Russell Hill wound up falling incomplete after hitting two Bengal receivers.

On the next play, Fry took a screen pass 72 yards and Portland State was back in business at the Bengals' 23. The Vikings had to settle for Urrego's 23-yard field goal but pushed their lead to 29-13 with 12:46 left.

The final blow came four minutes later when Portland State defensive back Reggie Jones returned an interception 33 yards for a touchdown and a 36-13 lead.

Hill finished the game 25 of 47 for 274 yards and three touchdowns. Hubel, who set a school record three weeks ago with 623 yards, picked up his fourth career 400-yard game. Fry was his leading receiver with six catches for 164 yards. Aaron Woods added six catches for 110 yards.

Portland State (3-4) remained unbeaten at home this season, but is winless on the road. Idaho State dropped to 0-8 and its next three opponents, Col. State, Weber State and Montana) are all nationally ranked.

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE and completed an 18-round season. Ranked in the final seconds to set up the winning kick. Connelley missed a 22-yard field goal attempt earlier in the game, while making another from 34 yards out.

Utah St. running back Michael Taylor scored on a run from less than a yard out late. St. 38 seconds left in the game to tie it 27-27. Peter O'Connell, who holds a 64-64 career point after attempt against for the Aggies (11-7,

3), drilled the point-after try to push the Aggies to their first lead since early in the first quarter.

Diondre Jirel passed for 193 yards and one touchdown and ran for a team-high 74 yards for ISU. Caldwell also kicked field goals from 35 and 20 yards out to help the Aggies.

MONTANA 41, N. COLORADO 20
GREELEY, Colo. — Cole Bergquist had two touchdowns and threw for 243 yards and completed 14 of his 18 passes.

Mike Ferriter caught three passes for a total of 89 yards for the Grizzlies (7-1, 3-1 Big Sky Conference). Montana, ranked No. 8 in the Sports Network poll, led 24-3 at halftime.

Northern Colorado quarterback Bryan Waggener did not return for the second half because of an undisclosed injury, forcing the Bears to play their two other quarterbacks, Dylan Orms and James Schrenk.

Waggener threw for 53 yards and completed six of his 11 passes for the Bears (1-6, 1-3). Orms, a freshman, finished 6-of-11 passing for 53 yards and led the Bears with 67 rushing yards on nine carries and one rushing touchdown.

Orms threw the first touchdown for the Bears with 3:43 left in the game to make it 41-13. Then he threw a five-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Smith to reach the final score of 41-20.

MONTANA STATE 31, SACRAMENTO STATE 20
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Montana State quarterback Cody Kempf passed for 169 yards and two touchdowns.

Running back Demetrius Crawford ran for 113 yards and one touchdown for the Montana State Bobcats (4-4, 2-2 Big Sky), who have beaten Sacramento State in seven of their last eight meetings.

Bryan Hilliard ran for 96 yards and two touchdowns for the Sacramento State Hornets (5-5, 1-4 Big Sky), who have lost their last three games.

Crawford's 9-yard touchdown run and freshman receiver DeSean Thomas' 58-yard catch set up a field goal to give the Bobcats a 10-0 lead in the first quarter. The Bobcats finished the first-half with a 17-0 shutout when Brandon Bobcote caught a 5-yard TD from Kempf with six minutes left in the second quarter.

The State backer Cyrus Melvin returned an interception 53 yards to set up a 17-point score on fourth down by a field goal in the third quarter.

Bobcats' safety Kevin Beckwith scored on a blocked punt in the third quarter and David Green caught an 18-yard TD in the middle of fourth quarter to give Montana State a 31-7 lead.

College Scores

FAR WEST
BYU 42, UNLV 35
California 41, UCLA 20
Fresno State 30, Utah St. 28
New Mexico State 14, Montana 41, N. Colorado 20
Montana State 31, Sacramento State 20
Notre Dame 33, Washington 7
Portland St. 36, Idaho St. 13
UC Davis 34, North Dakota 21
Weber St. 42, N. Arizona 14

MIDWEST
Ball St. 38, E. Michigan 16
Cent. Michigan 24, Toledo 23
Indiana 21, Northwestern 19
Kent St. 54, Miami (Ohio) 6
Michigan State 35, Michigan 21
Minnesota 17, Purdue 6
Missouri 58, Colorado 0
N. Illinois 16, Bowling Green 13
Nebraska 32, Baylor 20
Oklahoma 58, Kansas St. 35
Rice 28, Ohio St. 6
Texas A&M 49, Iowa St. 35
Texas Tech 63, Kansas 21
Wisconsin 27, Illinois 17

SOUTH
Alabama 29, Tennessee 9
Duke 10, Vanderbilt 16
Florida 63, Kentucky 5
Florida Atlantic 29, Louisiana-Monroe 28
Florida St. 30, Virginia Tech 20
Georgia 52, LSU 38
Louisville 24, South Florida 20
Maryland 27, N.C. State 24
Memphis 36, Southern Miss. 30
Miami 16, Wake Forest 10
Mississippi St. 37, Middle Tennessee 22
North Carolina 45, Boston College 24
Rice 42, Tulane 17
Virginia 24, Georgia Tech 17

EAST
Army 14, Louisiana Tech 7
Connecticut 40, Cincinnati 16
Iowa 34, SMU 7
Rutgers 54, Pittsburgh 34

No. 1 Texas barely survives Oklahoma State

AUSTIN, Texas — Top-ranked Texas was put to its toughest test yet and came through unbeaten.

Looking more vulnerable than any other time this season, the Longhorns needed a big defensive stand in the fourth quarter to overcome a pair of late mistakes by Colt McCoy and hang on for a tough 28-24 win over No. 7 Oklahoma State.

Their reward is likely another bid at No. 1 and yet another huge Big 12 South division game next weekend at No. 8 Texas Tech.

McCoy, who passed for 391 yards and two touchdowns, threw a rare interception that set up a field goal by Oklahoma State pulled within 28-24, then fumbled on the Cowboys' 10 with just over five minutes left when Texas (8-0, 4-0 Big 12) could have put the game away.

NO. 2 ALABAMA 29, TENNESSEE 9
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — John Parker Wilson passed for 188 yards and ran for a touchdown as Alabama crushed Tennessee.

The win gave the Crimson Tide (8-0, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) its first back-to-back victories over the Volunteers (3-5, 1-4) since the 1991-92 seasons.

NO. 1 PENN STATE 13, NO. 10 OHIO STATE 6
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Pat Devlin came off the bench for injured starting quarterback Darryl Clark in the fourth quarter, leading two scoring drives and scrambling in for the go-ahead touchdown to give Penn State its first victory at Ohio State in 30 years.

NO. 4 OREGON STATE, WASHINGTON STATE 20
DAVENS, Wash. — Matt MacInnes rushed up 187 total yards and four touchdowns, and No. 4 Oklahoma maintained a 21-point Kansas State rally in the highest-scoring first half in school history.

NO. 8 TEXAS TECH 48, NO. 19 OREGON 21
LAWRENCE, Kan. — Graham Harrell passed for 308 yards and five touchdowns and No. 8 Texas Tech

IRISH HANDLE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

SEATTLE (AP) — Junior James Aldridge ran for 84 yards and a career-high two touchdowns and the Notre Dame defense handled Washington in a 33-7 victory on Sunday night.

"Washington notes with 2:56 left prevented its first shutout loss at home since 1976. Notre Dame (5-2) led 24-0 late in the third quarter and forced fourth-and-13 at its own 37.

Harrison Smith took a direct snap on a fake punt and ran 35 yards to set up the second field goal of the game by Brandon Walker. As the crowd boomed, coach Tim Wexler said: "Washington's note on the sideline."

The Huskies' offense, with redshirt freshman quarterback Ronnie Fouch making his third career start, did not cross mid-field until 11 minutes remained. It had just 51 total yards on 35 plays entering the fourth quarter.

Washington (8-7) finished with 124 total yards against a defense that was allowing an average of 368 yards, 75th nationally. The Huskies remain one of only two winless teams in the Bowl Subdivision, with Notre Dame.

The Irish looked rusty on offense following its bye, with quarterback Jimmy Clausen frustrated and often misfiring. He did complete 14 of 28 passes for 201 yards, with a 51-yard touchdown pass to Michael Floyd on the game's first series, and an interception.

Notre Dame improved to 7-0 against Washington. The Irish have won both times they've met a former Big Ten opponent in Washington at home. The other time was in 2005, another rout of Washington and the Huskies in Seattle.

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2008 - 2009 NBA SEASON PREVIEW

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Defense	4	4	2	2	3	4	4	2	2	3	4	3	4	4	3
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Boston's Big Three and the rest of their teammates aren't satisfied with one championship.

When you win 66 games and an NBA title, there's not much room for improvement.

Constantly play as hard as any team in league. Eton Brand addresses their biggest weakness.

If Chris Bosh-Jermaine O'Neal pairing works, have an interior tandem that few teams can match.

Probably don't have the personnel yet to play like D'Antoni's system and win.

Enter a season without realistic playoff hopes for the first time in years.

With Celtics on top in East, Pistons may be hungrier as hunter instead of hunted.

Pick up of Mo Williams could lead them to another matchup with Celtics in East finals.

Won't be a playoff contender again until they become a good defensive team.

If T.J. Ford stays healthy and their trades work out, could get back into post-season hunt.

No. 1 pick Derrick Rose hopes to breathe life into struggling franchise.

Have all the firepower they need to repeat as champions in a weak division.

With Gilbert Arenas out with knee problem, who will pick up the slack?

Howie have the talent and potential chance to be a post-season team.

With addition of Michael Beasley, there is a chance to be NBA's most improved team.

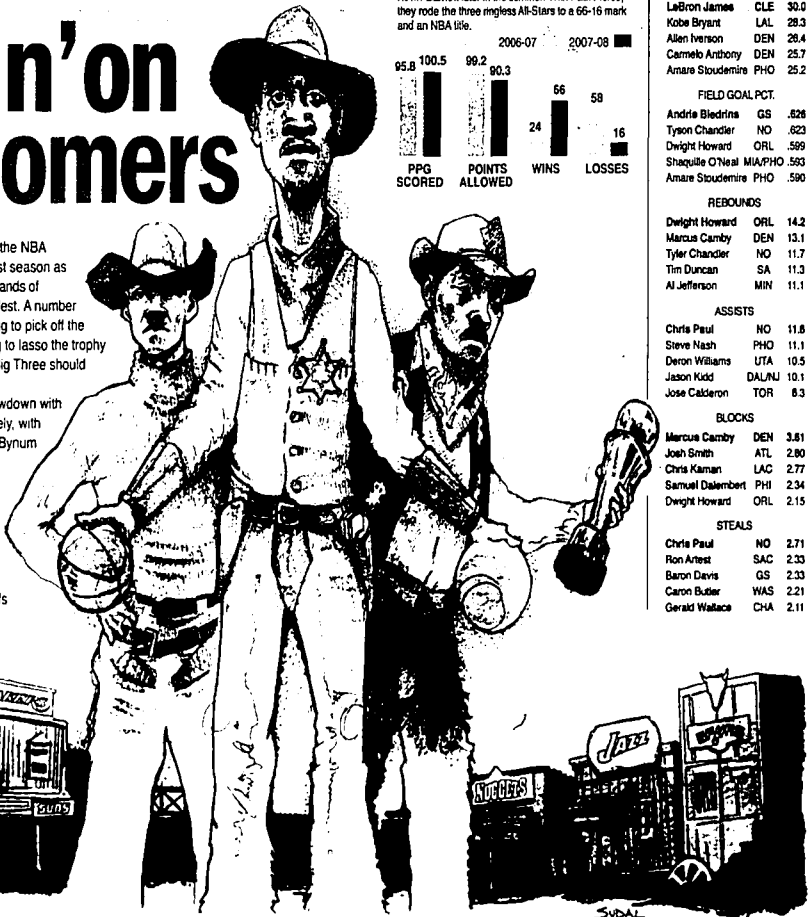
Larry Brown adds coaching experience; enough talent for a good season.

Last season, Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen and Paul Pierce led the Boston Celtics to the NBA championship, dominating their opponents with stifling defense. This year, in addition to keeping opponents away from the basket, their focus will be on ...

Takin' on all comers

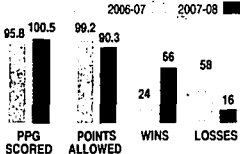
The balance of power in the NBA officially shifted East last season as Boston finally reined in the bands of sharpshooters runnin' out West. A number of those teams will be looking to pick off the Celtics, but any outfit hoping to lasso the trophy from the now battle-tested Big Three should be in for quite a shootout.

A repeat of last year's showdown with the Lakers appears most likely, with the return of center Andrew Bynum strengthening an already formidable frontline. The Spurs, Jazz, Mavs and Suns will all be players, but anything can happen in a conference where a team 15 games above .500 didn't even make the playoffs. Time will tell who pones up in the paint.



What a difference a year makes

The Celtics had a record-setting, one-year turnaround after trading for Ray Allen on draft night and acquiring Kevin Garnett later in the summer. With Paul Pierce, they rode the three impluss All-Stars to a 66-16 mark and an NBA title.



2007-08 season leaders

(Average per game)

Player	Team	Points
LeBron James	CLE	30.0
Kobe Bryant	LAL	28.3
Allen Iverson	DEN	26.4
Carmelo Anthony	MIA	25.7
Amare Stoudemire	PHO	25.2

Player	Team	Field Goal Pct.
Andrie Bledirns	GS	.526
Tyson Chandler	NO	.623
Dwight Howard	ORL	.599
Shaquille O'Neal	MIA/PHO	.593
Amare Stoudemire	PHO	.590

Player	Team	Rebounds
Dwight Howard	ORL	14.2
Marcus Camby	DEN	13.1
Tyler Chandler	NO	11.7
Tim Duncan	SA	11.3
Al Jefferson	MIN	11.1

Player	Team	Assists
Chris Paul	NO	11.6
Steve Nash	PHO	11.1
Devin Williams	UTA	10.5
Jason Kidd	DAL/NU	10.1
Jose Calderon	TOR	8.3

Player	Team	Blocks
Marcus Camby	DEN	3.81
Josh Smith	ATL	2.80
Chris Kaman	LAC	2.77
Samuel Dalembert	PHI	2.34
Dwight Howard	ORL	2.15

Player	Team	Steals
Chris Paul	NO	2.71
Ron Artest	SAC	2.33
Baron Davis	GS	2.33
Caron Butler	WAS	2.21
Gerald Wallace	CHA	2.11



Five rookies to watch this season (2008 draft picks)

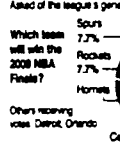
Player	Team	Notes
Greg Oden	Portland	No. 1 pick in 2007 after playing at Ohio State for only one season. Set out all of last year after knee surgery.
Derrick Rose	Chicago	(No. 1) Come back to the home town team, trying to help rebound after missing playoffs.
Michael Beasley	Miami	(No. 2) Put up huge numbers in one season at Kansas State. Heat hope for a quick impact.
O.J. Mayo	Memphis	(No. 3) Traded to Grizzlies by Minnesota, corroborated by some to be most talented player in draft.
Marc Gasol	Memphis	Acquired from Lakers, showed nice touch around the basket, helping boost win Chyngol after medal.

Coaching debuts

Eight of the 30 NBA teams enter the season with new head coaches

- Mike D'Antoni - N.Y. Knicks
- Terry Porter - Phoenix Suns
- Rick Carlisle - Chicago Bulls
- Mark Madsen - Dallas Mavericks
- Michael Curry - Detroit Pistons
- Erik Spoelstra - Miami Heat
- Scott Skiles - Milwaukee Bucks
- Larry Brown - Charlotte Bobcats

And the survey says ...



Night of many stars

The Phoenix Suns will host the 2008 All-Star game on Feb. 15 at the US Airways Center. The first time the city has had the basketball showcase.

ALL STAR

New faces in new places

James Posey - Heat Orleans: Valuable reserve side on two of last three NBA champions, Miami (2006) and Boston (2008).

Ron Artest - Houston: From Sacramento, brings a mix of toughness, versatility and bottom-end defense.

Jermaine O'Neal - Toronto: Acquired from Indiana, his ability to score leads give Raptors more offensive balance.

Mo Williams - Cleveland: Acquired from Milwaukee, could be the best guard LeBron James has played with.

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PREP-VOLLEYBALL



Courtesy photos

Gooding JV wins SCIC title

The Gooding junior varsity volleyball team won the Southwest Central Idaho Conference district championship Oct. 18...



Courtesy photos

Magic Bowl wins team title

Pictured, from left, are Leah Wasko, Kyle Mason, Dominic Curtis and Stevie Reeves from Magic Bowl in Twin Falls.

Area bowlers compete at Hi-4 tourney

Times-News

Twenty teams from the state gathered for the Hi-4 Tournament Sept. 27 at 20th Century Lanes in Boise.

Leah Wasko from Magic Bowl bowled the high girls game in Division A with a score of 3,650.

At the awards banquet that evening, Kati Jo Moses of Kimberly, who bowls at Bowladrome in Twin Falls, received the state's High Average Award for girls in the Prep Division (ages 9-11) with a 2007-08 average of 152.

The Hi-4 Tournament is held annually at different sites around the state and features the top two boys and girls with the highest averages from each bowling center.

Bowladrome and Magic Bowl are currently hosting youth leagues; contact each center for more information.



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AMATEUR GOLF Undhjem, Janson win Golfer of Year honors

This season's Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association Golfer of the Month winners played for Golfer of the Year Oct. 16. Virginia Undhjem

shot a 78 for Golfer of the Year Gross and Kathy Janson shot a net 62 for Golfer of the year Net. Patty Lee took second place gross with an 80 and Dussie Buckner shot a 91 for third. Carole Kasel finished

second net with a 64 and Jackie Gasser took third with a 70.

On Oct. 9, Barbara Short won Golfer of the Month Gross and Kathy McClure took Golfer of the Month Net.

Your Scores

BOWLING

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUN ROLLERS

MEN'S SERIES: Rick Frodenkisen 652, Brent Lasura 649, Marc Owens 635, Zach Black 635.

WOMEN'S SERIES: Amanda Orndorff 549, Stephanie Evans 549, Nicole Trump 509, Sylvia Inman 484.

LADIES SERIES: Amanda Orndorff 216, Stephanie Evans 200, Ann Shephard 191, Nicole Trump 190.

COMMERCIAL TIRE

Bob Masfield 725, Zack Black 664, Kyle Schroeder 649, Tony Brass 635.

GAMES: Ryan Worden 264, Bob Masfield 259, Zack Black 254, Tony Brass 236.

MASON SERIES: Kathy Gray 559, Virginia Mulvey 533, Lita Dennis 518, Vi Crowshaw 515.

GAMES: Kathy Gray 198, Virginia Mulvey 197, Sherida Pickett 182, Pioneer 178.

SENIORS: Tony Champion 590, Barb Reynolds 583, Cindy Morrison 567, Julie Shaffer 565.

GAMES: Barb Reynolds 226, Julie Shaffer 221, Amber Blackwell 215, Julie Shull 214.

VALLEY SERIES: Coby Magee 715, Kent Stone 673, Ron Dawson 661, Robert Woodins 659.

GAMES: Coby Magee 206, Mike Tackett 257, Kent Stone 256, Robert Woodins 244.

FIFTY PLUS MEN'S SERIES: Jack Boyd 646, Bud Whamson 633, Roger Graefe 614, Charles Lewis 595.

GAMES: Roger Graefe 225, Charles Lewis 222, Bud Whamson 222.

LADIES SERIES: Barbara Smith 539, Gloria Harder 526, Anne Moore 522, Marge Howard 520.

LADIES GAMES: Dee Hall 201, Barbara Smith 200, Gloria Harder 182, Anne Moore 182.

THIRDS, MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Robert Woodins 605, Tim Craig 593, Steve Ramsey 581, Jim Howard 564.

MEN'S GAMES: Jim Howard 228, Tim Craig 225, Don Barkley 218, Robert Woodins 213.

EARLY P.M. MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Buddy Bryant 671, Wayne Thompson 647, Joe McClure 632, Abe Straub 615.

MEN'S GAMES: Buddy Bryant 247, Mike Schroeder 245, Wayne Thompson 236, Joe McClure 234.

LADIES SERIES: Julie Shaffer 657, Barbara Thompson 586, Georgia Rendell 571, Krista Young 567.

LADIES GAMES: Julie Shaffer 237, Melissa Straub 231, Georgia Rendell 232, Krista Young 212.

452, Stevie Reeves 433, Rio Leazer 419.

GIRLS' SERIES: Marissa Eggleston 205, Stevie Reeves 173, Ali Churchman 171, Rio Leazer 149.

BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS SUN, EARLY MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Bob Leazer 695, Coby Magee 647, Lavern Jonson 573, Doug Sirucek 550.

MEN'S GAMES: Bob Leazer 246, Coby Magee 235, Lavern Jonson 232, Doug Sirucek 209.

LADIES SERIES: Suzi Leon 494, Kim Leazer 519, Leanna Magee 504, Ella Mae Jorgenson 439.

MON. MAJORS BOYS' SERIES: Yari Black 594, Anthony Vest 559, Joe Campbell 549, Nicholas Parsons 461.

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GIRLS' SERIES: Erica Reeves 336, Kati Jo Moses 324.

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MON. MIXED PULS MEN'S SERIES: Jim Krusie 661, Jim Bradley 618, Rocky Reece 610, Kevin Hamblin 607.

MEN'S GAMES: Jim Krusie 245, Rick Rutherford 241, Jim Bradley 240, Ken Hodges 235.

LADIES SERIES: Georgia Randall 582, Michele Seckel 560, Raehna Seckel 527, Marilyn Mackley 518.

LADIES GAMES: Georgia Randall 20, Raehna Seckel 203, Michele Seckel 203, Marilyn Mackley 195.

SH-SHOON MEN'S SERIES: Darrell Reynolds 660, Blake Kondrachi 619, Mike Olson 607, Brad Greene 595.

MEN'S GAMES: Blake Kondrachi 263, Brad Greene 251, Darrell Reynolds 233, Mike Olson 230.

LADIES SERIES: Katy Jerome 557, Michelle Baughman 539, Diane Brady 517, Julie Shull 515.

LADIES GAMES: Katy Jerome 201, Michelle Baughman 199, Barbara Reynolds 189, Julie Shull 188.

MID MORNING MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 665, Dick DePoe 658, Murray Miller 651, Brian Ross 629.

MEN'S GAMES: Tom Smith 269, Murray Miller 247, Matt Dwyer 245, Dick DePoe 242, Brian Ross 242.

LADIES SERIES: Gail Cedarlund 564, Linda Cline 492, Bonnie Draper 491, Aola Perrine 491.

LADIES GAMES: Vicki Kuegel 190, Pats Glass 187, Gail Cedarlund 183, Bonnie Draper 181.

THURS. A.M. TWOS SERIES: Amy Mason 514, Barbara Short 509, Billie Mason 498, Carolyn Hanson 497.

MEN'S GAMES: Gail McCallister 213, Barbara Short 191, Billie Mason 185, Carolyn Hanson 185.

LADIES SERIES: Susan Peterson 563, Lori Johnson 529, Susan Reeves 520, Barb Aasen 515, Nancy Gardner 515.

GAMES: Susan Peterson 226, Christine Anderson 205, Barb

Aslett 194, Lisa Allen 192, C.S.L. TUESDAY

MEN'S SERIES: Brandon Bartolo 623, Steve Cauty 524, Trevor Peterson 485, Colton Jaynes 456.

MEN'S GAMES: Brandon Bartolo 234, Steve Cauty 201, Kerry Williams 190, Tony Espinos 179.

LADIES SERIES: Derree Pasquale 305, Tanisha Mashak 292, Nicole Johnson 254, Eric Wildman 248.

LADIES GAMES: Rosanna Gonzales 135, Tanisha Mashak 125, Eric Wildman 99, Valerie Barker 93.

CONSOLIDATED SERIES: Matt Olson 683, Bob Leazer 669, Rick Morrow 665, Todd Flucas 659.

GAMES: Mark Graham 279, Teron Symes 265, Jon Powkus 257, Rick Morrow 247, Jene Prudent 247.

M.V. SENIORS MEN'S SERIES: Bob Chaffant 583, Ed Detry 574, Myron Schroeder 552, Cy Bullers 547.

MEN'S GAMES: Bob Chaffant 213, Ed Detry 203, Darryl Cameron 202, Myron Schroeder 202.

LADIES SERIES: Linda Cline 504, Jean McGuire 504, Bevina Covey 474, Linda Vring 470.

LADIES GAMES: Susan McCann 200, Baker Clark 180, Jean McGuire 180, Linda Cline 171.

LADIES CLASSIC SERIES: Kay Puschel 592, Ann Shephard 586, Kathy Gray 565, Michele Sikes 544.

GAMES: Kathy Gray 223, Diane Bracy 215, Kay Puschel 209, Ann Shephard 202.

SUNSET SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 690, Nancy Hicks 574, Julie Shull 559, Kathy Jepson 523.

GAMES: Kristy Rodriguez 267, Misty Welsh 238, Marie Bonn 211, Erin Dwyer 208.

C.S.L. FIDELITY MEN'S SERIES: Carl Roberts 499, Cody Martin 425, Jay Bird 413, Casey Hyde 385.

MEN'S GAMES: Carl Roberts 192, Cody Martin 159, Jay Bird 150.

LADIES SERIES: Miguel Rojas 357, Jenny Whitmore 353, Ashley Hanson 352, Kestee Hebelker 324.

LADIES GAMES: Ashley Hanson 140, Jenny Whitmore 128, Kestee Hebelker 126, Miguel Rojas 122.

P.M. PAL SENIORS MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 586, Hank Schmitt 567, Dave Wilson 564, Bud Plummer 550.

MEN'S GAMES: Dave Wilson 211, Hank Schmitt 210, Tom Smith 212, Myron Schroeder 210.

LADIES SERIES: Edith Sutherland 557, Dawn Kulin 528, Joann Burkert 520, Barbara Short 503.

LADIES GAMES: Edith Sutherland 203, Barbara Short 200, Barrie Smith 193, Joann Burkert 183.

BOBOE SERIES: Steve Allison 711, Bob Leazer 708, Ron Seltzer 706, Coby Magee 689.

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Colts face potential elimination game in Tennessee

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

The Tennessee Titans are the only unbeaten team in the NFL, so it's obligatory that they sit like underdogs.

Even though they are favored by four points in next Monday night's meeting with Indianapolis, they don't view the game that way. They still don't respect us and feel like we haven't played a day's worth of football in the league yet, safety Chris Hope says.

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Meeting their match

El Manning and Ben Roethlisberger, who led their teams to Super Bowl victories, have their learnings in positions to make runs at another 500 this year.

Buffalo at Miami (5-1) (2-4) Bills established their team to beat in the Tom Brady-led AFC East. Last week, the Dolphins got only 4 yards on the drive from the Wildcat formation.

Cleveland at Jacksonville (2-4) (3-3) Jaguars seem to match up well here. They aren't running as well as they should, but should be able to control the ball against a weak Browns run defense.

Cincinnati at Houston (0-7) (2-4) As the Bengals and Lions race for 0-10, the Texans reveal in their two-game run that removed them from the winners column.

N.Y. Giants at Pittsburgh (5-1) (5-1) The Giants, in the competitive NFC East, go to Pittsburgh to play a team with the same record but in a better position in the game played in London.

Cardinals at Atlanta (2-4) (3-3) Raiders come in upbeat after Tom Cable's first win as a head coach. Ravens tie Jets' streak out in Miami, completing 17-of-23 passes for 232 yards and a TD.

St. Louis at New England (2-4) (4-2) Rams are 0-10 under Jim Haslet after starting 0-4 under Scott Lincum. Pats scoring fewer than 20 points in four of its last five games without Tom Brady.

San Diego at New Orleans (3-4) (3-4) The European streak at Wembley Stadium in London, features two disappointing sides playing sub-500 football.

Kansas City at N.Y. Jets (1-5) (3-3) After losing their top two QBs to injury last week, Chiefs go to third-stringer Tyler Thigpen. Brett Favre will extend his record as the NFL's longest-lived player.

Seattle at San Francisco (1-5) (2-5) Mike Singletary makes his head coaching debut as the 49ers take on Seattle in a matchup of NFC West rivals looking for their first win in more than a month.

Atlanta at Carolina (4-2) (5-2) Cardinals are seeking their first playoff spot since 1999 and their first division title since they won NFC East in 1975. Panthers 6-0 at home this season.

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problems on the road than at home. But he's close to home — he comes from the Philadelphia area. EAGLES, 12-17

WASHINGTON (MINUS 7) AT DETROIT
The Lions have been outscored 54-0 in first periods. REDSKINS, 54-0

CLEVELAND (PLUS 6 1/2) AT JACKSONVILLE
The Jaguars can run, the Browns can't stop it. JAGUARS, 27-10

SEATTLE (PLUS 4 1/2) AT SAN FRANCISCO
The 49ers hope they can play for their new coach as the Rams play for Jim Haslet. The Seattle injuries are more likely to decide this one. 49ERS, 24-11

OAKLAND (PLUS 6 1/2) AT BALTIMORE
The Cable Guy got lucky last week. RAVENS, 19-9

KANSAS CITY (PLUS 13) AT NEW YORK JETS
Herm Edwards returns with Tyler Thigpen at QB. JETS, 34-0

CINCINNATI (PLUS 9 1/2) AT HOUSTON
The Texans, favored by nine, couldn't cover last week against Detroit. TEXANS, 32-23

LAST WEEK: 6-7-1 (spread); 10-4 (straight up) SEASON: 53-47-2 (spread); 60-42 (straight up)

Manning missed almost all of the preseason recovering from two surgical procedures on his left knee. He had two interceptions returned for touchdowns in a 34-14 loss to Green Bay and currently ranks 21st in the NFL in passer rating behind the likes of Kyle Orton, Matt Cassel and rookie Matt Ryan. One of the passers below Peyton is Tennessee's Kerry Collins.

have respect now, it should have after this game. TITANS, 24-17
TAMPA BAY (PLUS 2 1/2) AT DALLAS
Tony Romo will sit for another week and Brad Johnson will be the QB again. Unless Coach Jones plays QB himself. BUCS, 23-17
NEW YORK GIANTS (PLUS 3) AT PITTSBURGH
The first time all season that the Super Bowl champs have been underdogs. Justifiably, given their cupcake early-season schedule.

STEELERS, 19-17
SAN DIEGO (MINUS 3) VS. NEW ORLEANS (LONDON)
Drew Brees against his former mates in a game between two struggling sides. CHARGERS, 45-44 if weather is good and Wembley pitch is firm. CHARGERS 6-5 if the pitch is waterlogged, as it was last season for Giants-Dolphins fixture. ARIZONA (PLUS 4 1/2) AT CAROLINA
The Panthers are 4-0 at home. The Cardinals are 1-2

on the road although they remain in good shape to win a division title for the first time since 1975. PANTHERS, 27-18
BUFFALO (MINUS 1 1/2) AT MIAMI
The Wildcat's shelf life is expiring. BILLS, 17-13
ST. LOUIS (PLUS 7) AT NEW ENGLAND
Jim Haslet can't work magic every week. PATRIOTS, 23-13
ATLANTA (PLUS 9) AT PHILADELPHIA
Matt Ryan has had more

Singletary has simple plan today

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Unless Mike Singletary is headed to church, you won't catch the San Francisco 49ers' new coach in a suit and tie on Sundays.

Nearly 16 years after he retired, Singletary is finally comfortable not wearing pads and a helmet on game days. He's just not planning to carry on the sharp-dressed tradition of Mike Nolan, his coaching mentor and boss until last Monday.

Although the Hall of Fame linebacker is quietly thrilled about his interim head coaching debut against the Seattle Seahawks, he's hoping to keep the focus off himself and on the players whose struggles led to Nolan's mid-season firing.

"The cameras may be on me, but the game is on them," Singletary said.

Singletary only got into coaching in 2003, a decade after he retired from a memorable career in Chicago. Several former Bears, including Dan Hampton, Richard Dent and Steve McMichael, called this week with support and good-natured razzing, and Singletary planned to seek the counsel of coach Mike Ditka before he steps into Candlestick Park.

He also planned to call Nolan, who restored the 49ers (2-5) to a measure of respectability, but couldn't win consistently.


"I love my friends," Singletary said. "These are my mentors, and without them, there would be no me. I had to learn that the hard way."

The 49ers' four-game losing streak prompted Nolan's departure, and Singletary has just nine games to put himself in contention for the permanent job. He understands the fundamentals of being a head coach, from the red challenge flag to clock management, but he knows he can only hone them through practice.

"I'm sure I'm going to make boneheaded decisions," Singletary said. "Get that out of the way. There are guys that have been coaching for 20, 30 years, and they make 300, 300-headed decisions, so how do I think I'm going to be any different?"

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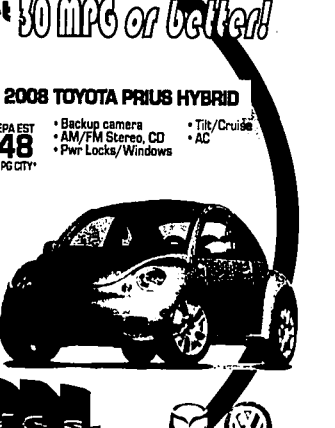
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Recycled disguise

Four contenders create costumes from thrift store finds

Mini Moose Hunter Club



It wasn't enough to satisfy her family's needs for werewolves and tooth fairies and dwarfs. Alice Ellis had to volunteer for costume duty in the local school's plays. Now, plates and pioneers parade the stage in her finery.

It's obvious: The Eden grandmother loves Halloween more than the kids do. And she loves saving a cent.

"That combination made her last year's champion in the *Times-News*' first thrift-store costume challenge, with a rainbow trout modeled by her

grandson. Helped by granddaughter Raylynn Emerson, age 2 1/2, she's back to defend the title, this time with a hillbilly hunting theme prompted by a silly moose-head cap.

"I don't want any Idaho sportsmen thinking I'm playing favorites," said Ellis, 56, an accounts receivable manager.

With that \$1 cap in hand, she scoured Twin Falls' Deseret Industries for a flannel shirt (\$4), overalls (\$2), a 50-cent camouflage hat (Raylynn

simply wouldn't wear the moose cap) and a moose-themed T-shirt (\$1).

Ellis transplanted the moose cap's antlers to the camo hat, which Raylynn found delightful.

"That brought Mickey Mouse ears to my mind, and Mickey Mouse Club mutated into Mini Moose Hunter Club," Ellis said. So she sewed oversized buttons to the overalls. She tried to teach her granddaughter the Mickey Mouse theme song with new words, too, but Raylynn would have none of it.

The youngster was happy to wave a banner high, however, Ellis decorated her homemade felt banner with a moose logo cut from the thrift-store T-shirt, and mounted it on a stick taken from a tattered flag.

The finishing touch — from the lingerie bin at Twin Falls' Idaho Youth Ranch, strangely enough — was a \$3.50 stuffed moose for the little hunter to tote.

Purchases for this Halloween costume: \$12. An exercise in imagination: priceless.



Alice Ellis

Stories by Virginia Hutchins •
Photos by Meagan Thompson
Times-News

We asked for the savviest shoppers and the most creative costumers, and four women accepted the challenge. Their mission: Create a Halloween costume from thrift store purchases less than \$13.

The results all have merit, but the winner is up to you. Go online at Magicalvalley.com by Tuesday — and click on Family Life under the "Features" link — to vote on the secondhand costume champion. Voting ends at midnight Tuesday. With these four contenders, you can't go wrong.

Fly caught in a web

When Mary Debski's son was young, she built all of his costumes — dancing spider, gecko, gummy bear — from sweat pants he could wear throughout the year. She's thrifty.

"I'm a 50-cent shopper. If I can't find anything for 50 cents or a dollar, it's not worth it," said Debski, 47, a Twin Falls photography business co-owner. The arrival of a granddaughter, 11-month-old Chantel Cazier, supplied new excitement for the thrift store devotee.

"I told my daughter-in-law that what I could make she would be able to use even after Halloween was over and maybe even next year," Debski said.

She recycled an easy-and-cheap idea she used for herself in her days as a retail cashier. Kids were frightened, she remembers. On Chantel, however, the fly-in-a-spider's-web theme is all sweet and no scare.

Debski made her finds at Twin Falls thrift stores: 25-cent pants at Mustard Seed; a big 50-cent stuffed spider at St. Vincent de Paul (you can see the spider in this photo, but it's sewn to the top of Chantel's hat); and a shirt, wings, a red hat and black fabric to cover the hat, 50 cents each, at Deseret Industries. Then back to Mustard Seed for batting with tiny plastic spiders, 25 cents. And back to Deseret for black makeup, 50 cents.

The total bill: \$3.50. And a bath for the baby.



Mary Debski



Peter Pan

Karen Palmer is no thrift store shopper, almost never venturing through the doors.

"This was a whole new experience for me," she said.

But lay a challenge in front of this competitive 30-year-old, a Jerome High School choir teacher, and she throws herself into the fray. If she decides her 21-month-old son with the elfish hair would make a charming Peter Pan, then Peter Pan he shall be. If the contest calls for cheap, she'll do cheap with a vengeance.

At the Idaho Youth Ranch's Jerome thrift store, Palmer snagged a \$2 T-shirt once the property of a pint-sized ballplayer — turned inside out the shirt is plain green — and a \$1 costume parrot with a perky feather just right for Peter Pan's cap. She splurged on a \$4.50 hat, a women's vintage piece of green felt with a ribbon.

(Credit where it's due: A choir student's mother with sewing skills refashioned the hat, Palmer acknowledged.)

Palmer bypassed the Jerome store's toy dagger. Too pink.

Looking for rights or long socks at



Karen Palmer

Twin Falls' Deseret Industries, she instead came upon a \$1 pair of infant girl's green velvet pants — on son Jake, the right length for breeches. And she snatched up a 50-cent girl's belt, turning it inside out to hide its flowers.

When her shopping yielded no better option, she returned to Jerome for the \$1 dagger, bringing her total to \$10.

The hardest part of assembly, Palmer said, was cutting the tunic, because it required repeatedly putting the shirt on Jake and taking it off. "I think he was getting tired of it. And so was I."

Jake screamed when she tied on the belt. Perhaps he knew about the flowers.

But he seemed at ease with the ensemble later in the photo studio, happily chewing on the dagger tip and throwing his cap to the ground.

It seems certain that Palmer will add an elastic band before the church Halloween party.

Medieval punkress

Kaylee Emerson, 19, a Wendell cashier, grew up wearing the Halloween creations of Alice Ellis, her mother.

"I was her little model, just like my daughter is now," Emerson said.

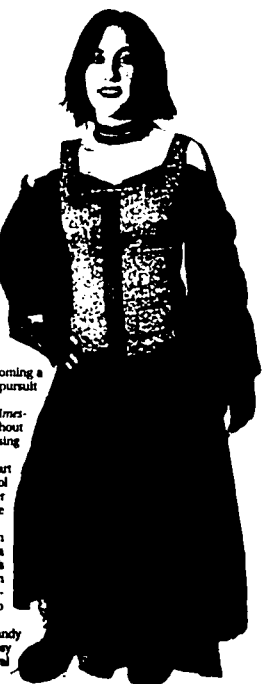
Emerson absorbed her mom's love of costume — becoming a high school theater makeup artist, too — but gave the pursuit her own air of gothic punk.

Already a habitué of thrift stores, Emerson met the *Times-News*' challenge by creating her first original costume without something to copy, taking inspiration from the Van Helsing gothic horror flicks.

Lucky for her, tights and combat boots were already part of her wardrobe. The corset was a remnant of a high school dance. And her month costume stash supplied both spider lace and antique gloves. The latter lost their fingers for the sake of punk.

But a single purchase from The Redemption Center in Jerome supplied the foundation for all those elements: a \$1.75 dress with a red velvet skirt, a lumpy bodice — that's where the corset comes in — and gauzy sleeves. Emerson stripped trim from the bodice to make chokers. She layered spider lace over the velvet of the skirt and cut deep slits in both skirt layers.

The trouble with originality, of course, is there's no handy label. Emerson tried variations of sci-fi fantasy gothic gypsy princess with a dark side, before settling on "medieval punkress." She's not sure whether punkress is a word.



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; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out, from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors \$9 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50. 734-5084.

MENUS:
Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff
Wednesday: Hot dogs
Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Sweet-and-sour chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Monday bridge
Thai chi, 1 p.m., \$5
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; \$1.50 each; coffee and roll, \$2
Quitting, 9 a.m.
Thai chi, 1 p.m., \$5
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Luncheon Dance, 6 to 10 p.m., \$5
Friday: Quitting, 9 a.m.
Lunch bingo
Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m.
Thai chi, 1 p.m., \$5

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Burli. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

MENUS:
Monday: Vegetable soup and pastriani sandwich
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Turkey meatballs

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Cube steak dinner, 1 p.m.
Few & the Faithful
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 for 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Foot clinic
Thursday: Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 for 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 10 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.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.; gift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed internet.

MENUS:
Monday: Chicken and noodles

Wednesday: Ribs and sauerkraut
Friday: Spaghetti

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Flu clinic, 9 a.m. to noon, call 934-4477 for appointment

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: Meatloaf
Tuesday: Tacos
Wednesday: Chinese rice bowls
Thursday: Birthday dinner, roast beef

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.

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: Grilled kielbasa
Wednesday: Sloppy Joe
Thursday: Birthday dinner, fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-service salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Beef stroganoff
Tuesday: Lasagna
Friday: Pork chops

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. AA/Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; every one over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5,



Carlene Catsoules uses an iris card-folding technique to make Christmas cards at the Golden Heritage Senior Center in Burley.

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: Ham and beans
Tuesday: Fish or chicken patty
Wednesday: Chili macaroni
Thursday: French dip sandwich
Friday: Hobo stew

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. Dick and John Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.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: Roast beef
Thursday: Lasagna

ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:
Monday: Fried chicken
Thursday: Turkey sandwich and tomato soup

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.
218 N. Rail 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: Liver and onions
Wednesday: Ham sandwich and vegetable soup
Friday: Fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quitting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo
Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Holey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Chef's choice
Wednesday: Salisbury steak
Friday: Jack-o'-lantern pot pie

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Twin Falls and Jerome Trp, 7:30 a.m. Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Table tennis, 9 a.m. Zengery class, 11 a.m. Bingo, 5:30 p.m.
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m. Costume party
Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center
127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quitting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Carey Senior Center
Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENU:
Thursday: Jack-o'-lantern pot pie

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: Chicken tenders
Tuesday: Tacos
Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup
Thursday: Grilled tuna sandwich
Friday: Chicken or fish

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m. South Central Community Action, energy assistance, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 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 Schwendner 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: Ham and cheese quiche
Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket
Wednesday: Roast beef
Thursday: Rabbit
Friday: Halloween dinner

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
Movie, 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. Overland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Barbecue beef sand wch
Tuesday: Beans and ham
Thursday: Oven-fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Fit and Fall-proof, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quitting, 1 p.m. Foot clinic
Wednesday: Fit and Fall-proof, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Fit and Fall-proof, 10:30 a.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site
105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

What gives? The art of choosing the perfect gift for loved ones

By Belle Ding
The Washington Post

Sometimes the hardest part of gift-giving is not choosing the gifts but navigating the giving.

Q. My brother has three grown children, two of them married with children of their own. I give individual gifts for the holidays (and birthdays) and give me one gift from the family. Sometimes they will call on

my birthday. This year one called, and I did not hear anything from the others. Suggests?

A. You can do this without casting blame, it could lead to a deeper conversation about closeness, generosity and gratitude, with potential to improve relations all around.

Or you could be less confrontational but ultimately less satisfied. Think of a single gift for your brother's

extended family, maybe a badminton set or a well-fitted picnic basket. Then you will have defined a more even exchange for Christmas. Alas, birthdays remain a separate challenge.

Q. I'm 25, out of college just a few years and can't afford to give the gifts I'd like to give everyone on my list. I'm not the least bit crafty when I try to make ornaments or frames or anything. It ends up looking terrible. I am a good

baker, but not thrilled about adding to the zillions of sweet temptations around Christmas. What can I give that won't be another useless knickknack, make them gain five pounds or look like it was done by a 2-year-old?

A. You're right. One more plate of cookies or another box of fudge is not necessarily welcome between now and New Year's. But you've got a year-round talent. How long about offering friends and

family a chance to claim your baking skills later in the year? Maybe you know a young mom who would appreciate a batch of cupcakes for her toddler's birthday. Or a friend who stresses when it's her turn to bake something for her book group. Or a busy couple who throw plenty of dinner parties but always fall back on store-bought desserts. Slip an IOU into their holiday cards, promising goodies baked to order.



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• "DECLUTTER YOUR LIFE"—OCT. 7

Thanks, but that will do

Not quite three weeks ago, we suggested people donate new and slightly used stuffed animals to the Idaho State Police. Officers use the toys to comfort children who have experienced trauma, like car accidents or abuse. Apparently, readers took that suggestion to heart.

"Oh my gosh, we're drownin' over here," said ISP Capt. Keldrick Wills. After the article ran, police received hundreds of the stuffed toys.



"The State Police really appreciates the outpouring of support," Wills said. There's just no more room for the stuffed animals.

"We have more than enough to last us for a while," he said.

Still have some toys to unload? Try Valley House Homeless Shelter in Twin Falls.

"Bring them down," said Executive Director Sharon Breshears. Safe, clean toys are always appreciated, as well as household items that can benefit families who are down and out. Information: 734-7736.

And, of course, charity thrift stores are always happy for donations.

—Melissa Davlin

Different parties, same roof

By Kathleen Meagan
The Hartford Courant

For Katie Stebbins, politics are a personal matter, which is part of why it was so difficult for her to watch the presidential debates with her husband, Bruce.

She's a staunch Democrat, raised by parents she calls "liberal hippies," and he's the reddest of Republicans, having worked in the White House for Ronald Reagan, and later for George H.W. Bush.

"I just want to watch the debate with someone who agrees with me," Katie Stebbins told her husband in their Springfield, Conn., home during one of the presidential debates. "He said: 'Well what's the fun in that?'"

"My husband is much more cool. He doesn't feel the need to win ... but I want to sleep by the edge of the bed. I take it personally."

By now, most of us have our candidates in mind, but what if those closest to you — those living under the same roof — have diametrically opposed viewpoints when it comes to who should lead the country? What if you're living with the very person who is going to cancel out your vote?

Nick Hauptfeld of Berlin, Conn., and his wife, Laurie, are at it again. He's an Obama supporter, while Jonathan has eyes only for McCain. "It was a television show where the parents were very liberal and then they have a son who is 'for Republican,'" Hauptfeld says.

"It reminds me of Family Ties," Hauptfeld says. He's an Obama supporter, while Jonathan has eyes only for McCain. "It was a television show where the parents were very liberal and then they have a son who is 'for Republican,'" Hauptfeld says.

Hauptfeld's wife, Laurie, says, "It's kind of a shock that (Jonathan) is as far to the right as he is ... I'm still wondering how come he's not more in the middle?"

It has given me time to get used to the idea. Not that I am, of course.

I have come to think of this time not as a long engagement, but as "The Long Goodbye." I have spent this time attempting to come to terms with the fact that my son will leave my family to begin his own.

It is political disagreement the type of issue that can undo a marriage or destabilize a family? It depends on how deeply held ones political affiliations are, how tied into one's life philosophy it also depends, of course, on how a couple deals with those differences. Are they able to discuss it without getting angry, or, if that's impossible, to steer clear of politics altogether?

With two other Hauptfeld children who are divided — 9-year-old Haley wants McCain, while 10-year-old Christopher backs Obama — Laurie Hauptfeld is officially "undecided," a tactic that she admits may help family harmony.

"If the conversation continually turns hostile, it's definitely a deal breaker," says Nicholas Aretakis, author of the recently published "Ditching Mr. Wrong: How to End a Bad Relationship and Find Mr. Right." He includes disagreement on political ideology on a list of 20 relationship deal breakers, just after religious differences and before bad habits.

Christine M. Whitehead, a divorce lawyer in Hartford, Conn., says she's never seen a marriage break up directly over political differences. But, she says, political conflicts may reflect issues that do break up marriages, differences in lifestyle or life priorities.

Judd Larchum, a psychologist and assistant professor at Boston University, says the degree of conflict a couple feels over differing political viewpoints is related to how emotional they are about it.

"It probably depends on the issues at hand



The Hauptfeld family of Berlin, Conn., is divided about the upcoming presidential election. At left, father Nick and son Christopher, 10, support Barack Obama, while son Jonathan, 14, second from right, and daughter Haley, 9, right, support John McCain. Mother Laurie, center, is undecided.

THOMAS CHAPMAN/Hartford Courant

Farthing says, "Some tap closer to personal values. Those may be greater sticking points for the couple or family ... Usually couples will share similar perspectives on these issues, but sometimes things don't come up till the issue is pressed." Suddenly an issue may "tap into values, and one person is saying: Who is this person I married who doesn't want health care for all?" he says.

Connecticut state Sen. David Cappiello and his wife, Christine, say they are more focused on raising their sons than they are on their political differences.

When Cappiello, now a candidate for Congress in the state's 5th Congressional District, met Christine, he was a Republican in the state House of Representatives, and she was working for the state's Senate Democrats.

Over the years, they have learned how to handle their differences.

"We have very intense conversations about how we differ, but we let go," David Cappiello says. "You can't let political differences get in the way of a good marriage ... I enjoy debating the con-

versation."

Laurie Hauptfeld grew up in a family where political discussion would send family members stomping from the dinner table. "We had shouting matches growing up," she says.

While her family members differ greatly in their political views, she's determined to keep the discussion on a non-rational level.

"We really try to use this opportunity to help (the kids) construct their own argument," Hauptfeld says. The kids have taken to reading newspapers and watching television news programs to gather facts for their positions.

The attempt to keep it all rational seems to be working. Recently, Laurie and Nick Hauptfeld overheard their sons engaged in an argument. But a vigorous bedtime conversation in the room they share.

What were they discussing? Health care, the economy, foreign affairs, Christopher explains.

Perhaps more surprising, Obama — Barack Obama — Christopher says of his brother. "I can understand why his wife is voting for McCain."

Caught up in the wedding mill, thank God

By Susan Palmer
The Baltimore Sun

During my anti-establishment youth, one of the establishments I was anti was the American funeral industry.

I read "The American Way of Death," Jessica Mitford's 1963 bestseller, and I was appalled at the way the grieving were manipulated to wing every last cent out of their broken hearts. I concluded that funerals had moved far beyond religious sacraments and had become ragan pageantry.

I thought funerals were an exploitation of the worst kind. Until I had to throw one.

My father was the first of the grown-ups around me to die. It was a great relief to have words for all the things I had to do before my family could bury him, right down to choosing the stationery for the thank-you cards.

We were so busy, we didn't have time to let the sadness register. My father's funeral arrangements put two or three days between us and the devastation of this loss, and during that time his death lost some of its awful power.

I have disliked weddings for the same reasons. Even more than funerals, they have become an industry unto themselves, with layer upon layer of extravagance and expense.

One of the most positive is the fact that couples now compete by making looks of themselves in order to win the opportunity to be married on the "Today" show. Then they allow anonymous TV viewers to choose the most personal elements of their wedding, such as the rings and the honeymoon.

I take I said. I was no fan of weddings. Until I had to throw one.

I am only the Mother of the Groom and that makes me a virtual spectator to the detailed preparations for this wedding. But I am more grateful than I can say for all the little stuff I have had to do since he became engaged last Christmas.



It has given me time to get used to the idea. Not that I am, of course.

I have come to think of this time not as a long engagement, but as "The Long Goodbye." I have spent this time attempting to come to terms with the fact that my son will leave my family to begin his own.

It is political disagreement the type of issue that can undo a marriage or destabilize a family? It depends on how deeply held ones political affiliations are, how tied into one's life philosophy it also depends, of course, on how a couple deals with those differences. Are they able to discuss it without getting angry, or, if that's impossible, to steer clear of politics altogether?

With two other Hauptfeld children who are divided — 9-year-old Haley wants McCain, while 10-year-old Christopher backs Obama — Laurie Hauptfeld is officially "undecided," a tactic that she admits may help family harmony.

"If the conversation continually turns hostile, it's definitely a deal breaker," says Nicholas Aretakis, author of the recently published "Ditching Mr. Wrong: How to End a Bad Relationship and Find Mr. Right." He includes disagreement on political ideology on a list of 20 relationship deal breakers, just after religious differences and before bad habits.

Christine M. Whitehead, a divorce lawyer in Hartford, Conn., says she's never seen a marriage break up directly over political differences. But, she says, political conflicts may reflect issues that do break up marriages, differences in lifestyle or life priorities.

Judd Larchum, a psychologist and assistant professor at Boston University, says the degree of conflict a couple feels over differing political viewpoints is related to how emotional they are about it.

"It probably depends on the issues at hand

Parents need to set guidelines for their bickering children

By Gregory Ramirez
Cox News Service

Q. My 7- and 10-year-old sons are constantly bickering. I want them to have a good relationship but I must admit I get tired of listening to their constant arguing and fighting. However, they are old enough to work these

things out by themselves. I simply walk away. Am I making a mistake?

A. Yes. Set some clear and specific guidelines about what is acceptable behavior and enforce those rules with consistent consequences.

Gregory Ramirez (M.D.) is a child psychologist.

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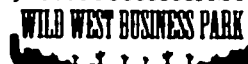
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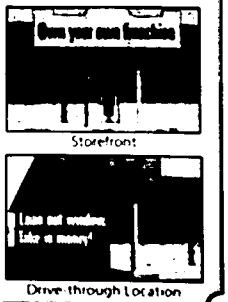
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How to be a frugal, fabulous parent

By Megan K. Scott
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Children may be a blessing, but they can also leave you broke.

Middle-income families will spend \$204,060 on feeding, housing and schooling a baby born in 2007 until his or her 10th birthday, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture — a number that doesn't include designer clothes and the latest gizmos.

In these tough economic times, many parents are looking to cut the cost of child-rearing. But how do you save money without shortchanging the kids?

Here are some tips for being frugal but totally cool parents.

- **Set up a regular rotating car pool.**
- **The more parents, the more gas savings.** said Bonnie Harris, author of "Confident Parents, Remarkable Kids: 8 Principles for Raising Kids You'll Love to Live With." She suggests involving at least one other parent for pick-up and drop-off at day-care and school, as well as for extracurricular activities.
- **Buy used.**

Take your kids to Goodwill, Salvation Army or a consignment shop. On everyday clothes like T-shirts, shirts, athletic shorts, sweat pants and jeans, you can save 90 percent off your clothes bill, said Harris.

• **Be creative.**
Moms Randi Zuckerman and Danielle Klein of New York City created their own music class for babies. Participants pay \$20 for eight sessions to help the cost of tambourines, bells and shak-



From left, Lisa Lipp holding daughter Alexa, 7 months old, Lisa Seltzer holding daughter Paige, 6 months old, and Jennifer Sklar holding son Corey, 5 months old, enjoy a music appreciation and therapy lesson for infants held by parent Randi Madrid at her home in the Queens borough of New York, Oct. 12.

chers. Klein and Madrid down-load music to an iPod. Music classes in their area can run about \$300 per session.

- **Share.** As in baby sitters. A tip from Sheila Lino Marcelo, CEO of Care.com: Team up with neighboring parents and share a sitter. Most providers prorate their fees according to the number of children they are watching.
- **Do the buzz.**

If you have boys, purchase electric hair clippers and cut their hair yourself, said Harris. Make sure the hair cut comes with good scissors, clippers, a comb, oil, and length and blending guides. The savings is \$120 an year.

- **Say goodbye to Gerbers.** Kate Ward, online director for HelloFoods.com, makes blueberries, avocados and sweet potatoes for her 8-month-old. "It's good for you because you can adjust the texture," she said. "It's also healthier and definitely

cheaper." Madrid uses the remaining apple-y water after steaming and pureeing apples for juice. It's cheap and has less sugar than regular juice.

- **Try cloth diapers.** It's a time investment tall that laundering and an initial monetary investment (you have to purchase the cloth diapers), but it can save you money in the long run, said Ward.
- **Hand it down.**

Hand the downs are coming back into fashion, said Ward. "Babies stop using things so quickly, there's really no reason not to pass things around," she said.

- **Talk to the kids.** Have an honest conversation with your children about "wants" versus "needs," said Amy Tremant, author of "Mop Mom." Make it a point of pride rather than embarrassment to spend only what you can afford, she said.
- **Call mom.**

Enlist the help of a relative to help with child-care duties, said Marcelo. "Parents should still plan to pay a fee, but it can be much less when a family member is willing and able to help out," she said.

- **Trade services.** Amber Lesawig, a mother of two in Kernersville, N.C., gives horseback riding lessons for child care. A neighbor trades child-care services for chicken and eggs from a local farm.
- **Save the good stuff for night.**

Madrid uses high-quality diapers at night, and a lesser-quality diaper during the day when she's changing her daughter every couple of hours.

- **Go to the library.** You can check out books, magazines, and DVDs for free. Libraries also have programs to keep children entertained, such as story time and puppet shows.

COMING NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE



Sweet 15

Quinceañeras mark Latino girls' coming of age. From April to October, journalists Meagan Thompson and Pat Marcantonio documented Magic Valley girls' quinceañera parties and masses, in a special package of photos, stories, videos and multimedia slideshows. Follow the girls as they enter new eras in their lives. Coming next week in Family Life and Magicvalley.com.

Dads prepare for rigors of fatherhood at 'boot camp'

By Gabriela Boston
The Washington Times

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — It can hardly be believed, but in a month Kevin de Ronde will be a dad.

Like any soon-to-be parent he's super excited, but also a little apprehensive. How will it all shake out? What about day care? What about romantic life after baby?

"I have so many questions," says de Ronde of Pasadena, Md. "I just know I'll be a dad when I get to the hospital in June."

The smiles at the thought of the month arriving at the hospital in June are infectious. But there's also real worry in his voice.

In his quest for answers and reassurance, de Ronde attended two other dad-to-be classes and found his dad at a recent Boot Camp for New Dads class at Annapolis Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis.

"This class is designed to answer any question you might have in a setting that's comfortable," says de Ronde. "It's a great way to get the little things out of your mind and make it what you want."

De Ronde's class is part of the other programs

New Fathers Foundation non-profit organization. Classes are given in more than 10 states nationwide.

The recent Annapolis class covered a wide range of topics from how to install a car seat to what happens to one's love life once baby arrives. But the best part — the soon-to-be dads agree — was when the veteran boot camp dads arrived an hour into the class with their new wives.

Later, Tom Gough with 5-month old Aidan and Jeremy Youngs with 6-month old Maggie.

The class split into two groups — Gough and Aidan, Youngs and Maggie, and another and started a quiz and take exercises to see what it was like to be a dad. First he had to answer a list of 10 questions about his wife and child.

Madrid used the remaining apple-y water after steaming and pureeing apples for juice. It's cheap and has less sugar than regular juice.



Mike Johnson, right, teaches new dads, with the help of 'veteran' dads and real-life babies, Tom Gough, left, with son Aidan, 5 months, and Jeremy Youngs, second from left, with daughter Maggie, 6 months, about parenting a newborn at Annapolis Medical Center in Annapolis, Md., on Oct. 5.

"I just plan not to leave the hospital for a few days, especially if my wife has a cesarean," he says.

Tom Gough, the soon-to-be dad, is deeply into his work in the field of glasswork.

"It's not equally to be as a dad, you can't get Aidan to do anything," Gough says. "I'm nervous about the things I'll have to do, but I'm excited about the things I'll be able to do."

says. "I just kept telling her we're a team, we can do this together. I kind of gave her a pep talk."

The dads to be — and solemnly. Johnson says they all should be aware of the signs of post-partum depression, which is much more serious than baby blues. "If the symptoms of depression are severe and they don't go away after a few weeks, you need to seek medical help," he says.

On a lighter but also important note, the conversation turns to day care. All the men are from two-income households and are eager and dependent on finding good day care.

Gough says he has seen a pediatrician for a month for his 6-month-old, but more importantly, he says he had to get a car seat for his 6-month-old.

"I need to check them out," he says. "We went to a pediatrician and they got stuck on the car seat. I'm nervous about the things I'll be able to do."

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ENGAGEMENT

MOLLI-FREY

Connie Goodson of Twin Falls announces the engagement of her daughter, Mindie Ann Moll, to David Timothy Frey, son of Richard and Hoa (Flower) Frey of Twin Falls. Moll is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School and College of Southern Idaho. She works at CSI and at her business, Zen Photography in Twin Falls. Frey is a 1999 graduate of Jerome High School. He works at Twin Falls Helix and at his business, Alpenglow Photography in Twin Falls.



Mindie Moll and David Frey

The wedding is planned for Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Kapulana Bay Beach, in Kapulana, Hawaii. A reception will be held at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

WEDDINGS

JENSEN-DAY

Ashley Lynn Jensen and Joshua Ivan Day were married Oct. 24. The bride is the daughter of Scott R. and Anita S. Jensen of Paul. The groom is the son of Ivan B. and Nancy B. Day of Highdale, Utah. An open house was held Oct. 25 at the Paul Stake Center. The bride attended Minico High School and works at Romano's Macaroni Grill in Murray, Utah. The groom attended American Fork High School in American Fork, Utah, and works at Xango in Lehi, Utah. The couple will reside in Cedar Hills, Utah.



Joshua and Ashley Day

QUINLEY-RUSSELL

Jessica Turner Quinley and Trent James Russell were married Sept. 13 at Ste. Chappelle Winery in Caldwell. The bride is the daughter of Vickie and David Quinley of Jerome. The groom is the son of Kelly Ledwith of Baker City, Ore., and Brad Russell of Nampa. The Rev. Jack Blynum officiated. Strings Attached and Patrick Crozier provided the music.



Jessica and Trent Russell

Christine Cole, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Quinley, sister of the bride; and Michelle Brown, Cara Johnson and Jerina Goicoechea, friends of the bride. Alexia Goicoechea was flower girl. Eric Garrison, friend of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Devon Russell, brother of the groom; and Brian Chaffin, Matt and Chris Lattsworth, friends of the groom. Kash, the couple's dog, was ring bearer. Special guests included the groom's grandparents, Wayne and Rayona Russell and Bill and Cleve Barry, all of Boise; aunts and uncles, Ann and Hal Quinley of California, Melissa and Quinley of North Carolina, and Kathleen and Danny Pictin of Canada; aunts, Pam Ball and cousin, Angie Henderson of Tennessee. A reception followed. Serving at the reception were Pam Russell, stepmother of the groom; and Meghan Cahill, friend of the bride. Katelyn Weaver, Megan Needs and Nikke Daggard attended the guests book and gifts. The bride is a graduate of Boise State University and works at St. Luke's Medical Center. The groom is a graduate of ISU and works at St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center. The couple resides in Boise.

STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Llana Kay Torres, daughter of Andy Torres and Amanda Bonetti of Burley, was born Oct. 8, 2008.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Sajay Scott Rogers, daughter of Scott and Erica Rogers of Jerome, was born Sept. 15, 2008.

Daniel Scott Cuellar, son of Bob and Shannon Cuellar of Jerome, was born Sept. 17, 2008.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Dillon Lee Chlatovich and Maci Kay Chlatovich, twin son and daughter of Andrea

Karen Johnson of Kimberly, were born Aug. 20, 2008.

Marcos Mateo Andrade, son of Elias C. Flores and Jesus Andrade of Murrough, was born Sept. 23, 2008.

Tyler Duane Helsey, son of Field Lynn Hartwick and Jeramie Lee Helsey of Dietrich, was born Sept. 29, 2008.

Crew Fairbanks Turner, son of Amber and Austin Keith Turner of Gooding, was born Sept. 30, 2008.

Alexa Nayell Ceja, daughter of Elvira Quijada and Salvador Ceja of Heyburn, was born Oct. 3, 2008.

Joslynn Dawn Villers, daughter of Destinee Dawn Villers of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 9, 2008.

Henth Adam Warrington-Martin, son of Lisa Amber Warrington of Twin Falls,

was born Oct. 10, 2008. Broc Christopher Caldwell, son of Elizabeth T. and Christopher Wayne Caldwell of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 14, 2008.

Sierra Lauren Fisher, daughter of Brandi Lynn and Chad Ryan Fisher of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 14, 2008.

Jeffrey Alan Proctor Jr., son of Mogan Ann and Jeffrey Alan Proctor of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 14, 2008.

Anton James Riddoch, son of Cara Michelle and Taylor James Riddoch of Jerome, was born Oct. 15, 2008.

Korbyn Jaycek Zazueta, son of Trisha Marie and Benjamin Zazueta Jr. of Jerome, was born Oct. 16, 2008.

Ashlynn Nancy Nitzel, daughter of Kayleigh Nitzel and Damon Veyclair DeNeaf

Twin Falls, was born Oct. 17, 2008.

Angellen Emory Hammon, daughter of Trista Emory Thomas and Terry Lyn Hammon of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 18, 2008.

Shaydon Lee Studer, daughter of Michelle Lee and Roger John Studer of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 19, 2008.

Sage Ja'Naë Lusk, daughter of Bailey Ann and Andrew Bryan Lusk of Castleford, was born Oct. 20, 2008.

Brenden Gabriel Thomas, son of Angela Marie and Joshua Keith Thomas of Buhl, was born Oct. 20, 2008.

Ellyce Ann Simmons, daughter of Stacy Ann and Matthew Neil Simmons of Jerome, was born Oct. 21, 2008.

Photographs born of tragedy

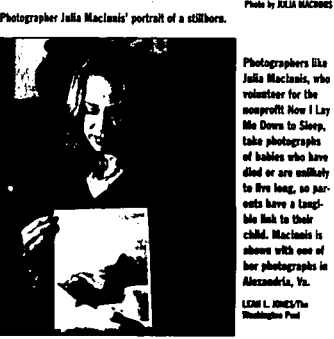
By Emily Langer The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A white rose hanging outside the doorway tells nurses that the family in this one room of the suburban maternity ward is different. It puts them on notice not to tiptoe around the curtain smiling, ready to coo at a sleeping baby and congratulate the new parents. That's because this couple is not experiencing the happiest day of their lives, but possibly the saddest: Their daughter, several months premature, was stillborn, one of the 25,000 stillborn each year in the U.S.



Photographer Julia MacInnis' portrait of a stillborn.

Photographer Julia MacInnis, 40, was walked into 14 such hospital rooms during the past year. She is one of 5,500 volunteers for Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep, a nonprofit organization that offers to send, at no charge, photographers to capture images of babies in their mothers' arms. They are unlikely to live more than a few hours or days. Many mothers and fathers who have lost their children go home from the hospital with their baby's blankets, a lock of hair or the hair of a pacifier that was snatched by a nurse. Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep steps in when parents believe that something more might help them heal.



Photographers like Julia MacInnis, who volunteers for the nonprofit Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep, take photographs of babies who have died or are unlikely to live long, so parents have a tangible link to their child. MacInnis is shown with one of her photographs in Alexandria, Va. LEON L. JONES/The Washington Post

The death of a child might sound like wrenching moment to share with a photographer who the parents have never met. But many patients who turn to Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep later cherish the photos taken of their babies. "I have a photograph taken from Santa, she has never known of anybody who had nursings," Late one Sunday night several weeks ago in the dimly lit room at Inova Alexandria, Va. Hospital MacInnis offered her condolences to the parents of the stillborn baby. The mother was resting in bed next to her infant but her head no bigger than a fist lay swaddled in a blanket.

with a click the moment was captured. When a nurse came in to hug the parents goodbye, there was another click — that moment captured, too. After about 30 minutes with the family, MacInnis requested that the baby be brought to a better lighting room where she could take a few more pictures. This is the last step in all these photo sessions, and it's often the last time that parents see their newborns. And so it was for this mother. After a moment alone with her daughter, she watched her daughter carry their baby away. Waiting in the hallway, MacInnis could hear the woman crying.

Colorado in April 2005 by two women, Cheryl Haggard and the mother of a baby who had recently died, and Sandy Pich, a nationally known photographer whom Haggard and her husband had asked to photograph their son before and after he was taken to the hospital. While Haggard was in the hospital, another baby died, saddened that, unlike her family, those parents did not go home with photos of their child. Haggard worked with Pich to form a group of photographers that would serve families such as theirs.

In July, they had recruited 60 volunteer photographers, in less than two years, they were 2,500 strong. After the organization was founded on "Santa's Today" show last March, that number exploded to more than 5,000. The organization, which has no religious affiliation, says it includes more than 25 countries from Israel to South Africa to China. MacInnis is an area coordinator in trying to recruit more photographers, only one she did not have to turn away. A family because no one was available to go to the hospital. Volunteers are required to be professional, though not necessarily full-time photographers and to be available to go to hospitals with little notice. MacInnis tries to prepare them for the grief they will witness.

ANNIVERSARY



Larry and Darlene Wayment

THE WAINMENTS

Larry and Darlene Wayment of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Twin Falls Stake Center on North Temple Street. Larry Wayment and Darlene Ayward were married Nov. 16, 1958 in (Loma d'Alene).

The couple met while he was stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base. After his discharge from the Air Force in 1960, he was an air traffic controller at Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center in Longmont, Colo. He retired from the Federal Aviation Administration in 1974 and continued to Twin Falls. He worked for Hervey's Gun Shops for 25 years. In 1996, the couple started manufacturing in Flint, which they still own. She was a stay at home mom and did day care for a few years. She worked at Harts Tax and Coats for three years.

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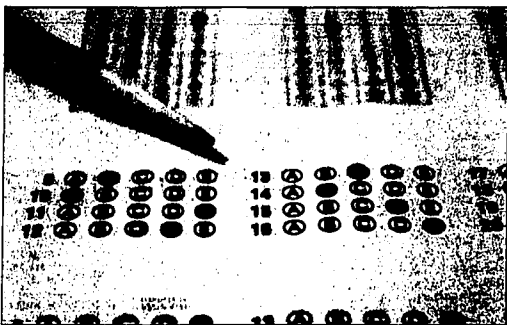
Bridal Registry advertisement listing various items and prices.

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ELECTION ISSUES:

Education



By Valerie Strauss
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — What should the government do to make schools better? If you're in public school, then you're a part of a huge national experiment in education.

It is called No Child Left Behind, and President Bush started it in 2002 to make sure that schools were doing a better job of educating kids. Whether that experiment continues will be decided by the next president.

The government offers free education to every child, but not all public schools are equally good. Many of the most troubled schools have students from the poorest families. Bush said it wasn't fair that those kids weren't getting a good education.

No Child Left Behind ordered schools to change many things. The most controversial change was forcing kids to take standardized tests as a way of measuring if they were learning more.

Some teachers say the program helped them focus better on needy kids. But many others said kids were spending too much time taking tests and not enough time learning.

There are other educational issues for the next president to consider: Should the government pay for all kids to go to pre-kindergarten? If a school isn't doing a good job, should parents make the government pay for their kids to go to a private school? (This is called the voucher system.)

The public school system is supposed to give every child a chance to succeed.

Where kids stand on education

Kids spend a lot of time at school — learning not just what's in their textbooks but also about respect, self-confidence and achievement. Here's what kids in fifth through eighth grades had to say about their schools.

Getting good grades is important to me: 83 percent.
Tests are an important part of my education: 73 percent.
All school I am encouraged to be creative: 67 percent.

Teachers care about my problems and feelings: 67 percent.
My classes help me understand what is happening in everyday life: 45 percent.

School is boring: 42 percent.
Source: 2008 survey of almost 62,000 students from 18 states done by Quaglia Institute for Student Aspirations of Portland, Maine.

How it works is one of the country's most important issues. Either Sen. Barack Obama or Sen. John McCain will have a big say in the future of education, which means he'll have a big say in your future.

MCCAIN

How should No Child Left Behind change? Called it "a good program" that

should be continued and improved. Specifically:

- Would make school choice and tutoring available to kids sooner. Pledged \$750 million to create more online schools.

- Would continue standardized testing program.
- Vouchers: Supports. Says parents in poorly run schools should have a choice.

Pre-kindergarten: Says there already are enough programs but they need to be managed better.

In their own words: "The No Child Left Behind Act may have some flaws associated with it, but I still view it as a major milestone in trying to improve education in this country."

OBAMA

How should No Child Left Behind change? Wants to make major changes. Specifically:

- Would change the way student progress is measured, so it doesn't depend only on standardized tests.
- Wants to make room for more non-core subjects such as art and music.

Vouchers: Opposes. Says government money should go to public, not private, schools.

Pre-kindergarten: Proposes an \$18 billion plan that would encourage, but not require, pre-kindergarten for all children.

In their own words: "Don't tell us that the only way to teach a child is to spend most of the year preparing him to fill in a few bubbles on a standardized test."

BOOK REVIEWS

Twain biographies

The Washington Post

"Mark Twain: An American Star," by Elizabeth MacLeod for ages 9-12; and "The Trouble Begins At 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West," by Sid Fleischman for ages 9-12

whose creative mind gave birth to such classic literary characters as the adventurous Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, and wonderful tales about jumping frogs and princes' and paupers.

Sid Fleischman, a Newbery medalist for "The Whipping Boy" takes an in-depth look at Twain's early life, through the Wild West days. Fleischman is a magician as well as a writer, and it shows in his magical way with words.

Elizabeth MacLeod has written more than two dozen children's books, including several biographies. This 32-page book has lots of photos (and cartoons), making it a better choice, perhaps, for younger readers, looking for a brief overview of Twain's remarkable life.

Washington Post

him by Mark Twain — a celebrated author and humorist. These two new biographies will introduce you to this American treasure.



Jokes for kids

Newsday

What did the tie say to the shirt?

Nothing, ties can't talk!

If 20 birds read terrible tales, how many "b's" would there be in all?

None — there are no "b's" in the word "all."

What did one eye say to the other?

Between you and me, something smells.

What did the whale put on its toast?

Jellyfish.

How do small people travel?

In a minivan.

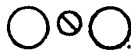
The Money Mess

Why an Economy Without Money Is Like a Car Without Gas

You've probably been hearing a lot about the economic crisis. The government announced yesterday that it would invest \$250 billion as private banks to make sure they stay in business and continue to lend money to people and companies. Why? Because we need money to move through the pipeline that is our economy. But in the current situation, everyone — from those huge banks to individuals like your parents — is holding on to money the way Lame holds on to his blanket. Here is an example of what can happen when money stops moving, showing why the government decided it needed to act.



BANKS WON'T LEND MONEY (to other banks, businesses or individuals) because the banks are worried they won't get paid back...



... 66 people (and businesses) don't have money to spend on things such as new cars...



... that means the car dealership isn't bringing in money because the cars it brought in are unsold...



... Because of that, the dealership can't pay the workers and may decide to eliminate some jobs, in what are called layoffs...



... The family whose mom lost her job at the car dealership now has even less money to spend...

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EDITORIAL

In troubled times, McCain's experience matters

Nothing the *Times-News* says editorially will make any difference in the outcome of this historic presidential election. No matter who we endorse, Idaho is a reliably red state, and will deliver its electoral college votes for John McCain. We're comfortable with that.

Sen. McCain, tested in battle, seasoned in the Senate and secure in his ability to lead, is the better choice for president in this election. No, the 72-year-old Republican is not perfect. His mistakes include at least one instance of poor judgment in allowing his office to be used by savings and loan bandits seeking special treatment—a mistake he owns up to and has long sought to rectify by bucking the political establishment to champion campaign finance reform.

And we do have a problem with McCain's choice of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin: She's not yet ready to run the country.

But neither was Sen. Harry Truman when President Franklin Roosevelt chose him as his running mate in 1944, and Truman ended up becoming one of the best presidents of the 20th century.

Handsome and eloquent, Barack Obama offers the seductive promise of something new and refreshing after eight hard years of a presidency that couldn't shoot straight. But change leading us where? What would Obama do in the White House?

After eight years in the Illinois Legislature, he ascended to the U.S. Senate, where for two years he has done little else than campaign for president.

Several questions loom large about the junior senator from Illinois:

- **Spending.** The federal deficit for this year is already \$455 billion—and projected to top \$1 trillion after all the taxpayers' money is spent on bailing out the credit markets. The 47-year-old Democrat will be working with a heavily Democratic Congress. What's to stop them from using the national credit card even more?
- **Experience.** John McCain knows firsthand what an international crisis threatening the vital interests of the United States looks like. Obama doesn't.
- **Nuclear waste.** Is Obama in Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's hip pocket when it comes to scuttling plans to store high-level nuclear waste at Nevada's Yucca Mountain? If so, that's bad news for Idaho, which just won agreement from the federal Department of Energy to remove transuranic waste from the Idaho National Laboratory. That nuclear garbage is a potential threat to Magic Valley drinking water.
- **Energy.** We're all for Obama's vision of greener energy with emphasis on wind, solar and biofuels, but Idahons have to live with practicalities. Higher federal fuel taxes are more likely with Obama in charge, and the formula for distributing the Highway Trust Fund may be rewritten at the expense of rural states. That money represents 57 percent of road revenue here.

Further, we're not convinced that nuclear energy—essential to America's long-term future—will advance a whit under an Obama administration.

Judging from his words and his ranking as the most liberal of the 100 senators, we can draw the conclusion that Obama's solutions to the challenges facing us would be drawn from the far end of political left, involving redistribution of wealth and ever-more-central control of government, economy and personal freedoms.

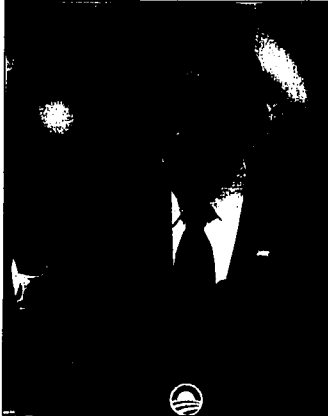
That's not the direction that most Americans seek. It is clearly not what the majority of Idahons want.

McCain, on the other hand, offers some advantages besides experience. He has a long record in the Senate of independence, often defying special interests, his own president and his own party. And nobody questions McCain's integrity.

The Arizonaan would tax Americans less than Obama, and has a far better grasp of Western issues important to Idaho, including public-lands management, transportation and energy development.

This is a man with a 51-year record of service to this country. We need his steady hand on the tiller in the uncertain times ahead.

McBamanomics



"The economic crisis we face is the worst since the Great Depression. ... At this rate, the question isn't just, 'Are you better off than you were four years ago?' It's, 'Are you better off than you were four weeks ago?'"

"I will help to create jobs for Americans in the most effective way a president can do this—with tax cuts that are directed specifically to create jobs and protect your life savings. ... In this economy, raising taxes is the surest way to turn a recession into a depression."

Comparing Obama's and McCain's economic plans

Presidential hopefuls Barack Obama, a Democrat, and his GOP rival, John McCain, scrambled last week to kick out emergency plans to stimulate the economy.

Here are the highlights of their respective plans:

- OBAMA**
- **Key positions**
 - Provide immediate tax rebates of \$500 per worker, or up to \$1,000 per family, to help shore up consumer spending.
 - Spend \$50 billion—through state and federal projects—on roads, schools, bridges and other public works that could create or save jobs for up to 3 million Americans.
 - Three-month moratorium on home foreclosures, to give homeowners facing financial hardship a chance to negotiate new terms that would help them keep their homes by continuing to make payments on distressed properties.
 - Allow families to withdraw up to \$10,000 from their individual retirement accounts or 401(k) accounts, anytime over the next year, without being penalized or fined.
 - Provide \$60 billion in tax

- incentives to businesses that create jobs in this country, rather than outsourcing them overseas.
- Create an emergency fund to lend money directly to small businesses, and expand loan guarantees offered through the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- **Cost**
- The total cost of Obama's plan is roughly \$200 billion, of which about \$90 billion would be offset through savings in other areas, for a net cost of about \$110 billion, according to a preliminary analysis by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a bipartisan, non-profit Washington think tank.
- **Record**
- In August 2007, Obama co-sponsored the Patriot Employment Act, which would provide tax incentives for businesses that create jobs in this country rather than farming out work to operations overseas. Critics at the time said it was a political document aimed at appeasing voters in Ohio, hard-hit by job exports. The bill is stalled before the Finance Committee.
- **In his words**
- "The economic crisis we face is the worst since the Great Depression. ... At this

- rate, the question isn't just, 'Are you better off than you were four years ago?' It's, 'Are you better off than you were four weeks ago?'"
- **MCCAIN**
- **Key positions**
- Spend up to \$300 billion to buy troubled mortgages so that homeowners under financial duress could negotiate new payments based on the distressed value of their homes.
- Allow people 59 and over to withdraw from individual retirement accounts and 401(k) accounts and pay only a 10 percent tax rate, rather than up to 35 percent, as current law provides.
- Reduce capital gains tax rates to 7.5 percent, half of the current rate of 15 percent.
- Increase the income tax deduction to offset stock market losses of up to \$15,000 a year. Current law limits the deduction to \$3,000 a year.
- Eliminate taxes on unemployment benefits.
- Temporarily suspend rules requiring Americans above the age of 70 and six months to begin selling off their individual retirement accounts and 401(k) accounts, so they won't have to unload stocks in the cur-

rent bear market.

Cost

The total cost of McCain's plan is roughly \$352.5 billion, of which about \$300 billion would be offset through savings in other areas, for a net cost of about \$52.5 billion, according to a preliminary analysis by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

Record

McCain was one of only two Senate Republicans to oppose Bush administration tax cuts, saying at the time they provided too much relief for upper-income earners at the expense of middle-class workers. He now seeks to extend those tax cuts and expand them. He also backed his party to vote against the administration's energy package—Obama supported it—saying at the time that it included too many tax breaks for oil companies.

In his words

"I will help to create jobs for Americans in the most effective way a president can do this—with tax cuts that are directed specifically to create jobs and protect your life savings. ... In this economy, raising taxes is the surest way to turn a recession into a depression."

—Bob Dennis, *Gov. News Service*

Times-News beefs up presence in Blaine, Lincoln counties

We had a going away party for Ariel Hansen Saturday night.

I'm still a little confused about this—she isn't actually going away and technically isn't entitled to a party, though I suppose there's no need to split hairs when beer and burgers are involved.

Hansen, who started at the *Times-News* as a feature writer and who has ably produced our Entertainment and Religion sections for the past year or so, is moving to Halley, where she will become a one-woman bureau covering Blaine and Lincoln counties.

Earlier this year we sold the *Wood River Journal* and closed the old *Lincoln County Journal*, moves that made economic sense but which left us under-staffed in that region.

We're counting on Hansen to turn that around. She'll hang out her shingle on Nov. 3, and would love to field any and all tips about local news, features and other happenings in government, schools, the arts and the business community.

The best way to reach her is by email at ariel.hansen@lee.net, at our Wood River Bureau, 208-788-3475.

We'll take our time looking for a new entertainment editor—Deputy Editor Virginia Hutchins will keep her eye on that section in the interim—while Special Sections Editor Andrew Weeks will take over the religion beat.

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It's not too late to get in on the fun of a three-hour seminar on Idaho public records and meeting laws staged by

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Attorney General Lawrence Wasden and Idahons for Openness in Government. The cost is set for 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Herrett Center on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Billed as an entertaining and informative look at the laws that give citizens access to the workings of their government, the session is co-sponsored by the *Times-News*. We're buying the cookies and punch... Interested? RSVP to me at the email or phone number at the end of

this column

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If you're aching to express an opinion or just plain vent about the state of the union, we have just the right venue for you.

Our online component, magicvalley.com, will host "Coffee and Conversation," a town-hall style forum from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday in the back room at the Depot Grill, 545 Shoshone St. S.

No need to RSVP this one. Just show up with some thoughts you want to share. Comments will be recorded for Webcast before the Nov. 4 election.

Times-News Editor James G. Wright may be reached at james.wright@lee.net or 735-3255.

Times-News editorial about URA spending was unfair, incorrect

Last Sunday in an editorial regarding downtown development, the Times-News editorial board accused the city of lying by omission. The editorial claimed that the "Times-News repeatedly asked officials over the past few months how much they were spending on the downtown consultant. The city revealed only the amount from city coffers, not the lion's share paid from URA accounts." This accusation is not fair and is incorrect.



READER COMMENT
Tom Courtney

The Urban Renewal Agency meets at noon on the second Monday of each month. All meetings are open to the public. At each meeting a financial report is presented and discussed by the board

of directors. The report lists all invoices paid during the month including the name of the vendor, the amount of the invoice and the purpose for the expense. A reporter from the Times-News typically attends the meetings and listens to the discussion. Copies of the financial reports are available for their use. Clearly, the information the Times-News claims the city had not disclosed was disclosed. The city did not "lie by omission". While the Urban Renewal Agency is a creation of the

city; it is, by law, a separate legal entity. The agency pays the city for administrative services. If you are interested in additional information regarding the Urban Renewal Agency, please take a look at our Web site: www.ura.id.gov. Effective next week we will begin posting agendas, minutes and financial reports for the agency on the city Web site. In the near future, we will also provide more descriptive information about the mission and activities of the Urban Renewal Agency.

Hopefully, this will give you a more balanced view of the activities of the agency.

Tom Courtney is the Twin Falls city manager.

(Editor's note: The Times-News on two occasions requested in writing the total amount spent on the downtown project. The most recent request asked the following: "How much has the city paid the consulting group?" In each instance, the city released only the small share of consulting fees paid from city accounts, though it controls the Urban Renewal Agency, provides all of its staff and is the repository for all URA records.)

What government can't do, private enterprise can

People who put faith in government to solve national or even individual problems are headed for deep disappointment, if it hasn't already arrived. Still, that doesn't stop politicians from attempting to sell political snake oil to the gullible. No one ever lost money betting on the ignorance of the uninformed masses.



CAL THOMAS

Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin promoted in his "One New Orleans" rebuilding campaign announced in January 2006, only six are complete."

Contrast that with what the nonprofit Habitat for Humanity has done: "They built 70 homes quickly," noted Stossel. "Even Nagin admitted they did what government didn't." Private enterprise has succeeded, where government has failed. Actor Brad Pitt ("Brad Pitt has done more for this community than anyone," said Malik Rahim, one of the co-founders of Common Ground Collective, a group formed in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina) and singer Harry Connick Jr. have been at the forefront of efforts to circumvent government stagnation.

Stossel asked the obvious question: If Pitt and Connick can help build dozens of new homes, why does it take government so long to follow through on its plans? Nagin explains he's made it easier for people to rebuild their homes, providing permits

online at kiosks throughout the city.

Stossel visited city hall and guess what? Not one of the kiosks worked! Conclusion: Individual Americans do things better, with less bureaucracy and at less cost than the central planning collective known as government.

Another issue was campaign finance reform, which has come back to bite its chief promoter, Sen. John McCain. It is a maze of incoherent regulations. Stossel displayed the Federal Election Commission (FEC) regulation book, which contains nearly 500 pages of small print set in double columns. For effect, he taped the pages together and then stretched them out on the Giant's football field. The pages "spanned the whole field and halfway back."

If he showed the people who ran off of the law by placing signs in yards in opposition to an annexation ballot initiative. It's a head-shaker. Another example: Ada Fisher, a retired doctor, ran for Congress in North Carolina with an all-volunteer staff. The FEC imposed a \$10,000 fine on her because she somehow violated their rules. She noted that even "reform" laws are designed to help incumbents stay in office. Stossel said the extremely high re-election rate of mem-

bers of Congress remains the same as it was before "reform," which was promoted as a way to open up the system to more challengers.

Stossel used a visual metaphor to demonstrate why government regulations stifle individual initiative, leading to dysfunction. He visited a skating rink where people managed to go in the same direction and at about the same speed without instructions from anyone. Then he introduces Brian Boitano, a former Olympic skater, who begins telling some skaters they are going too fast and others too slow and shouting other commands. Chaos results. The moral? "Intuition leads us to think that complex problems require centrally planned solutions, but political decision-making is rarely the answer. Life works best when we govern ourselves."

The worst thing the public can do is to give one party unchecked power with no restraints.

If Obama wins and Democrats expand their congressional majorities, especially to a filibuster-proof advantage in the Senate, this will be to our collective detriment.

Syndicated columnist Cal Thomas can be reached at tomeditors@tribune.com.

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Dear Twin Falls County Citizens:

My commitment is to lead the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office to the highest level of professionalism in law enforcement. I have been asked repeatedly my motivation for becoming the next Sheriff and have concluded that the answer is elemental: it's the people. During the course of my long career in law enforcement it wasn't about the prestige or the paychecks, it was always about the people. I care about the people with whom I serve and the public I was sworn to protect.

Since announcing my candidacy for Sheriff, I have gotten advice and assistance from unexpected sources and the community support has been overwhelming. I am grateful to all of those who have stood with me during this campaign.

I would like to highlight a few of the plans I have to better serve the citizens of Twin Falls County and/or making a more cohesive and productive department.

Fiscal Responsibility- I will be acquiring the budget in its entirety for the next fiscal year. I have a plan to track expenditures and revenue in the Sheriff's Office so a zero based budget can be presented to the Commissioners for the following year. It's important to me to know exactly what I will need to achieve my goals while maintaining my obligations to the taxpayers.

Schools- The Sheriff's Office has neglected our children by removing programs from the schools and I have every intention of recruiting this. I want to be accessible to the schools and investigate re-introducing the D.A.R.E. program to educate our children at an early age.

Methamphetamine- This drug and its devastating impact on our community needs aggressive management. I will increase the K-9 and narcotics divisions and significantly improve communication with surrounding law enforcement. I will work together with the prosecutors, courts, and narcotics teams to minimize efficacy.

Re-establishing Professional Relationships- When I take office I will spend time repairing strained relationships with other community agencies. The need to gain their respect to do their jobs without fear of the problems we face throughout our County is crucial.

Department morale- A fair and consistent leader will allow these men and women to do their jobs without fear of unwarranted repercussions. Promotions will be based on merit and not favoritism and policies will be uniformly enforced.

Community Programs- I would like to stress how important the Chaplain program and Domestic Abuse programs are for those that need them. I will continue the Explorer Program and implement community policing concepts by involving the citizens of the County to make our area safer.

Outlying Communities- The outlying communities have long felt forgotten by the Sheriff's Office and it will be my obligation to ensure that they no longer feel that way.

This brief summary will show you where my priorities are and the changes I intend to make in my taking office. Should you have any other questions, I am available to you on my home phone 734-5996, on my website www.tomcarterforsheriff.com, or at the Meet and Greet I am hosting on October 27th from 7:00 p.m. at the Oberchain Community Room.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the people that have been the backbone of my campaign; from the tireless efforts of my family and friends to the many generous donations to my cause. I will not soon forget the sacrifices you have all made on my behalf and your dedication to the changes that are so vitally important. The best of my administrative will be to draw from my own knowledge and combine it with the extensive collective experience of the men and women that serve alongside me.

Paul J. Byrnes, Inc. Tom Carter For Sheriff, Sherwin Carter, Treasurer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jaquet is career politician, with big money, promises

After 16 years in the Legislature, one can go from being a "citizen legislator" to a "career politician." That's what Rep. Wendy Jaquet has become—a career politician with all the trimmings, one who can trade big money and lots of political promises that go with it. And what have the people of District 25 gotten from those 16 years? Not much. Rep. Jaquet has a title, House minority leader, that gives her a role in procedural matters and respect in the Legislature. But for the citizens of District 25, it means nothing. All she can do is complain about how the "Republicans" are turning down her big-spending plans, radical tax policies and extreme environmental agendas. It's time for a change. I admit and respect Rep. Jaquet and appreciate her years of service. But it's time to pass the torch to a new generation. It's time that the people receive representation from somebody who can work with the Republican majority, rather than complain about the balance of power. I am 42 and can relate to today's challenges of raising a family. My wife is a public teacher and I have two children attending public schools, so I have strong reasons for wanting quality education. I have equally strong reasons for wanting excellence in higher education so my children can choose to stay in Idaho — as I did. I hope that my children will be able to work and raise their families in this great state. I want a quality of life that is second to none — clean air, clean water and sound land-management policies. My livelihood as a rancher depends on a healthy environment. I want a strong economy that gives all Idahoans an opportunity to prosper. I want good roads, health care services for those who need it and safe communities. And I want great hunting, fishing and skiing — the recreational opportunities that attract so many visitors to this wonderful state. We have tremendous challenges during these difficult economic times. The Legislature needs to set sensible priorities. This is not the time for spending and taxing, for expanded daycare regulations or mandatory pre-school programs — and government bureaucracy that would go with those programs. We need to find new approaches to state government. I can provide that fresh pair of eyes. The same old solutions won't work today. JEFF FAULKNER Gooding (Editor's note: Jeff Faulkner is the Republican nominee for the Idaho House of Representatives in District 25 Seat A.)

Those yet unborn may pay for our Hamiltonian folly

"A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have" (Thomas Jefferson). The national irony that continues to play today is that (Alexander) Hamilton promoted the "myth of constitutional power" while pushing for an imperial presidency, creating the national bank, which necessitated a regular boom and bust economy, encouraging a national debt, taxing excessively, devising a court that damages individual liberties and state sovereignty, resulting in a government built on spoils and "K Street" patronage. Thus, we beg from government, not demand it. History gives us a frame into which we fit our individual pieces of America across time and space. Our military grows apace, secretly developing nuclearization and weaponization of space, including laser and nuclear technology that vacuizes up intelligence for earthly technology. A robot network (botnet) will carpet bomb cyberspace with static, neu-

tering enemy communication via Internet.

Survival of the fittest will be an outgrowth of population explosions, thus emphasizing control of resources, not just oil but water, food and alternate energies. The Pentagon foresees a standing army of 1 million, with an expansion of war machines of unmanned ground and air robotic aerial vehicles.

But as poet Burns noted: "The best-laid schemes o' mice and 'men gang aft agley," which speaks to our present economic condition of bust.

Free-trading globalists who control government rely on national and private militaries; and all of the forging rely on material from Asia and Europe and Middle Class taxes. Markets of "boom and bust" Hamilton trumping Jefferson lives on, for instance, in the notion that deficits do not matter. Hogwash! All spending increases are tax increases, whether by direct taxation or inflation. The dollar shrinks in value for the living and those yet unborn will pay for our Hamiltonian folly. Eternal vigilance. GRANT UPTAIN Hagerman

Hard vows to make good decisions for county

Hello, my name is Troy Hurd, and I am running for Gooding County Commissioner in District 1. I am currently the manager of Evergreen Village, formerly The Cedars, on Main Street in Gooding. Evergreen Village is a government-subsidized housing community based on income, affording housing for those with low income, on SSI/disability, and/or senior citizens. I currently manage 52 residents, including children, dealing with government forms and enforcing compliance to rural development rules and regulations. I have been a resident of Gooding for 54 years and feel I have a clear understanding of our current needs and future needs to preserve quality living in western America. I bring enthusiasm and new energy to the seat, basic common sense and a genuine care for the residents of Gooding. I am open to finding innovated solutions to waste management, water quality and urban sprawl, which supports the needs of both agricultural industry and patrons. I will do my best to investigate and educate myself on every issue presented to the commissioners to ensure the best decision is made when casting my vote. Did you know according to statistics from Tillamook, Ore., one cow will drink 12,275 gallons of water a year, and with our current numbers well over 200,000 head — well, you do the math. With water usage quickly becoming a pressing issue, we cannot ignore all the factors that are drawing down our water table and increasing contaminants to our drinking water. There are no quick solutions to the many concerns facing our county, but I will work close-

ly with the other commissioners to make responsible and effective decisions that consider what is good for the whole, not just the few. Please vote for me on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

TROY HURD Gooding (Editor's note: Troy Hurd is the Democratic nominee for Gooding County commissioner in District 1.)

Beck proves that some in GOP support hate speech

We now have proof that some Republicans do, in fact, espouse hate speech in literal black and white.

In Tuesday's (Oct. 14) Steve Crump column, Glenn Beck was quoted as calling Cindy Sheehan a "mongrel slut" and Gloria Steinem as a "self-centered, self-righteous, socialist, out-of-control dangerous man-hating bitch."

I am not so naive as to think or suggest that Democrats never engage in those kind of vile personal attacks, but it seems to me I have heard Mr. Beck, Rush Limbaugh and others of that ilk say how mean-spirited liberals are. Perhaps someone should tell Mr. Beck, "Hell, Mr. Beck, this is the kettle. You're black" KYLE (BUD) LEUZE Twin Falls

Tousley does not deserve reelection as sheriff

As our local elections approach, I feel our community deserves to be aware of the leadership currently provided by incumbent Sheriff Wayne Tousley. Our community suffered significant vandalism damage on Saturday, Oct. 4. Our neighbors and ourselves suffered thousands of dollars in damage, many broken exterior lights, several destroyed driveway entry posts and spray painted graffiti throughout our rural subdivisions. The county sheriff's office was immediately notified, and a sheriff's deputy was dispatched to take our reports.

Well, our homeowners were hit again this Friday night (Oct. 17), less than two weeks after our first loss. Again, damage was in the thousands of dollars. The responding deputy was completely unaware of our first loss. We were astounded. He suggested that perhaps county sheriff patrols of our neighborhood should be more routine. Well, don't you think that if Wayne Tousley had shared our first significant crime report with his deputies, his patrols would already have been started? Would that perhaps help reduce repeat criminal activity? How

much incompetence are we to tolerate from our sheriff? Trust both my wife and myself. Wayne Tousley does not deserve his position of trust. Vote for Tom Carter on Nov. 4.

DAVE WERBECK CHERI WERBECK Kimberly

Risch will protect citizens right to keep weapons

As a U.S. senator, Jim Risch will be a staunch supporter of our Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms. That is why I will be voting for Jim Risch for U.S. senator of Idaho.

Jim Risch is a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association and a hunter; he believes that all law-abiding citizens have a right to own guns. He will be vigilant in defending our personal liberty of gun ownership that will be under attack by many in Congress. He will be a great compliment to Sen. Crapo in the never-ending fight to limit our constitutional given rights.

If you want someone who will truly represent Idaho, vote for Jim Risch on Nov. 4. RYAN HORSLEY Twin Falls

Hurd will work to protect county's quality of life

I am writing in support of Troy Hurd for Gooding County commissioner in District 1.

Troy is a native Gooding County resident and strongly believes a proactive commission is needed in these challenging times. In the years of one-party control, huge dairies have outgrown the capacity of the county to bear them. Factory dairy interests have been attending to over the need for quality water, air and life of Gooding County residents. Troy Hurd is not anti-dairy, but without appropriate regulations and enforcement of those regulations, we are having a meltdown of the traditional lifestyle and the future quality of this county. We mustn't allow more new factory dairies, and the current ones must not be allowed to get larger and should be expected to upgrade their operations with advanced technology for waste management. A change in those folks serving as current commissioners is called for. Troy ran for this office two years ago and has talked with many residents across the county going door-to-door and at small gatherings. He listened to these citizens then and since. Troy Hurd is a Democrat and believes he can bring much-needed balance and a fresh perspective to the

table. He believes a healthy economy is one of diversity and encourages reasonable economic development of light manufacturing and small businesses. Troy supports the building of the regional prison and will work for its realization.

It is time for real change and vision in our county. Maintaining the status quo is not enough. Vote for Troy Hurd, Democrat, Nov. 4.

KATHIE BOJAN Gooding

Doug McFall is proven lawman, civil servant

My wife and I will vote for Doug McFall for the next Jerome County sheriff.

Professionalism, accountability, integrity and highly

trained deputies are high priorities for Doug McFall. Doug has proven himself as a respected lawman and professional public servant for more than 31 years. Doug is highly respected among his peers at the Idaho State Police and law enforcement agencies all across Idaho. Doug will go the extra mile to establish a positive working relationship with the Jerome City Police department to combat crime and drugs.

As we enter our "golden years" personal security and safety for ourselves as senior citizens, our children and grandchildren are things we really care about. Vote Doug McFall. DENNIS MOORE Jerome



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Times-News has gone from great to nothing

I've written many letters to the editor in the past and this is one of the longest for me as I really don't want to write it. I am an avid news junkie and look forward each day to reading the Times-News.

On Sundays, I have a standing 11 a.m. Interstate telephone conversation and, until four or five months ago, I always had trouble getting the Times-News read by the time of the call. Now every Sunday I'm done with the paper by 9:30 or 10 a.m., at the latest. This is because the Times-News has deteriorated to the point that there's little news left.

There are many, many pages of "feature articles" and advertising and no real news. I'm just sick about this because I've always loved the Times-News. Today, as is now usual, I started with the front page, which was reportedly to be a news page but is now mostly a feature page, and

quickly read the things of interest to me. I soon found myself with only Dear Abby in the classified section left and realized I was through with the paper. Where was the news? Had I missed a section?

What has happened to the Times-News? In a few short months, it has gone from great to nothing! I thought it would be bad to have the area papers combined with a page for each area on a different day of the week, but I like that and think it's great! It's just the lack of any real news that bothers me.

I have about six months left on my subscription and when I'm not sure I'll re-subscribe. I'm 64 years old and maybe out of touch, and over the years I find newspapers should still be about news!

TOM GRIGGS
Twin Falls

Safety net enables greed, immorality and corruption
I recently was reading an

old article in The Saturday Evening Post (March/April '96), which states so well what is happening in America. "Big government, subsidizing single teenage mothers for the past several decades, has encouraged unwed, government-supported single mothers to have thousands of babies. A generation of youngsters brought up without fathers now fill our jails and fill drug traffickers' coffers. We have reaped a wild harvest." And another quote from this article, "If America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

We have made it too easy in America to accept a lifestyle which is both wrong and harmful. Should government always pay for the mistakes made in life? This is similar to what is happening with the mortgages made which were not sound. We keep bailing out and providing a safety net for immorality, greed and corruption. But I have witnessed first hand the problems that

occur when people are not made to be responsible. So why not get another unwanted pregnancy? The safety net are these — Health and Welfare and Medicaid. Everything possible is done for the sake of the baby's health, but what about the kind of care it is getting at home?

More of these children than any other go to the emergency room. Motherhood is or should be an inborn instinct, to care for the young and helpless until they become adults. But often without the support and love of the father, these women struggle in many ways. Not being loved and cared about is a cycle, and it passes down to the next generation.

A friend who knows told me that a very high percentage of the men in prison have been raised without a father figure. Christianity and the church must identify with the human condition, become a part of the family life and also bring a

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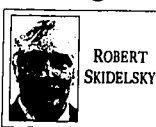
Tom Carter looks out for people, is team player
I have known Tom Carter for 40 years. We worked out together at Moran's Boxing Gym. When I joined the Twin Falls Police Department in the '80s, Tom was the first one to welcome me aboard. Tom looks out for people. Tom is a team player. I would go through any door with Tom Carter because I know he would watch my back. Being a former county coroner, I worked with Wayne Tousey. Wayne stood up at a county public budget hearing one year and exclaimed I did too much as the county coroner. Wayne wanted my budget cut. That's why he had his undersheriff run against me one year. Wayne wanted the coroner's office under his authority. Wayne is not a team player. Wayne is power hungry. Tom would watch out for and support his subordinates and his constituency in the county and will treat everyone fair.
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Twin Falls

We forgot everything Keynes taught us about economy ...

The Great Financial Meltdown would not have surprised the British economist John Maynard Keynes, who died in 1946, for he thought that this was exactly how unregulated markets would behave. The New Economics, as Keynesian economics was known until it became the Obsolete Economics, was designed to prevent such turbulence. It held that governments should vary taxes and spending to offset any tendency for inflation to rise or output to fall.

properly incentivized. Above all, growth was stable. The business cycle was severely dampened. Keynes first became convinced of the instability of unregulated economies in the boomy years of the Roaring Twenties. In many ways, the 1920s were like the last 15 years in their technological dynamism, the extravagant lifestyles of the very rich and in their "irrational exuberance." But they were especially like the recent past in their belief that prosperity would continue without interruption. The magical formula for success was supposed to be the new "science" of monetary management. From the fact that depressions were associated with falling prices and booms with rising prices, the economist Irving Fisher concluded that economic cycles could be eliminated by keeping prices stable. Under his influence, the Federal Reserve Board set

itself the goal of price stability. And the price level did stay remarkably stable for most of the 1920s. Fisher's views were discarded by the stock market crash of 1929, but his doctrines were revived by Milton Friedman in the 1970s. Plugged into government programs around the world took up Friedman's monetarism, which maintained that inflation was due to government printing too much money. Central banks were made independent (the Fed already was) and were given the single task of keeping prices stable. Moreover, financial innovation in increasingly deregulated markets was said to make investment less and less risky. The formula seemed to work. Not only did inflation stay low with very little price volatility from the 1990s onward, but so did the U.S. economy show steady, though not particularly steady, growth of 3.22 percent



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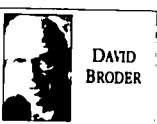
average. Once again, perpetual prosperity beckoned. So what went wrong? What was wrong was the theory. The price level is not a leading, but a lagging, indicator. Asset bubbles can coexist with a stable price level, even while the rest of the economy is starting to slide into depression. In the '20s, money was being switched from production to speculation. The rich were getting very much richer, while the incomes of the rest were stagnating. Every financial crash is different in detail — today's started in the banking system, not the stock market — but the anatomy of all is surprisingly similar: A speculative frenzy, triggered by some technical innovation such as mortgage-backed securities, that collapses when reality — in the form of more sober valuations — kicks in. No one has bettered Keynes in his understanding of the psychology of financial markets. "Speculators may do no harm as bubbles on a steady stream of enterprise. But the position is serious when enterprise becomes the bubble on a whirlpool of speculation. When the capital development of a country becomes a by-product of the activities of a casino, the job is likely to be ill-done."

For years, Keynes was dismissed with a pitying smile as the product of a primitive state of economic thinking that had been rendered obsolete by powerful desktop computers and Ph.D. math unavailable to economists of Keynes' generation. The second strand of

Keynes' economics was formed by the depressed 1930s, rather than the booming '20s. His main insight was that a wounded economy might not simply bounce back but might take years to recover. In his language, it might remain a long time in a state of "underemployment equilibrium," from which it could be rescued only by a massive external shock. It was not the New Deal that brought the U.S. economy back to full employment, but the huge increase in government spending caused by World War II. We know now that we know very little. But Keynes' insights should not be tossed away as old garbage. At the very least we can say that we have no warrant for basing economics on assumptions that are so often contradicted by events. Suitable perhaps for professors and students, such economics are likely to be especially toxic for policy-makers.

Why America's heartland is turning blue on election day 2008

WOOSTER, Ohio — This is the Republican heartland, a small oval filled with churches and circled by cornfields, an hour south of Cleveland.



DAVID BRODER

half-dozen people stopped by to pick up McCain-Palin yard signs. Some said they do anything else for the campaign.

Just as I was preparing to leave, a third woman arrived and silently began hand-punching mailing labels to a pile of brochures. When I visited the Obama Democratic headquarters, two blocs from the McCain-GOP office, the contrast was remarkable. Sixteen people were at their desks, talking on phones or working on computers. Two of them were imports: Alan Harlan, a corporate trainer from Northampton, Mass., and father of two, who decided to give the campaign five weeks of volunteer time; and David Lutz, a New York City who graduated from Yale in May and funding the job market there, also volunteered for Obama. Both were sent to Wooster to bolster what was already a vigorous local effort.

Two local women at the tables — Cullen Naumore and Catherine Wandri — heard Sen. Joe Biden when he spoke in mid-September at the College of Wooster. Naumore had never thought of volunteering in a campaign and Wandri had abandoned politics, disillusioned, after working for Democrats

in her younger years. Now they are part of a volunteer force that Lutz estimates at 700 per week and growing.

Two others are Jessica Schumacher of Lexington, Ky., and Sarah Green Galan of Boston, respectively a sophomore and a senior at the College of Wooster. I met

them on campus and heard how they and their friends had persuaded 700 of their fellow students to register in Wayne County, where the Republican presidential margin has ranged from 11,000 to 12,000 votes in the last two elections.

"It's going to be different this time," they assured me.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Time to retire myth that hard work yields reward?

Because of the abrupt economic tsunami, leaders and laymen alike are concerned that capitalism, like socialism, has failed. Not unlike what FDR did during the Great Depression, it appears our leaders have implemented "socialistic" measures to avert further deterioration.

A basic tenet of capitalism (euphemistically renamed "market economy") is that benefits will accrue to a person in proportion to how hard he or she works. It's questionable, however, if this ideal is achieved in the real world.

Who works harder than a hand that is irrigating fields in Magic Valley? The stockbroker claims to work hard. But the broker is compensated more generously than the irrigator. A well-heeled banker attentively lends and borrows but it would be illogical to equate banking to the backbreaking labor of picking cotton. The supermarket owner operates on small margin but usually earns considerably more than

the hard-hatter repairing our streets in 100-degree weather. In our city library, Iste and Melissa and their colleagues work very hard, with great efficiency. But the pay is probably comparatively low.

Ideally, the harder you work, the more you get. But, in reality, it doesn't always work that way. Isn't it time to retire the myth that hard work necessarily yields greater economic reward?

If we were all rewarded and valued equally, it would be called, "socialism." This word, however, is so emotionally loaded that, in spite of the merit it may have, we're unable to accept the reality the word symbolizes. Perhaps we prefer capitalism because we all hope to somehow become rich.

Is it moral to exploit our brothers and sisters by taking more than our fair share of material things that nature (or God) provides? Is that "Christian"? Under capitalism, exploitation and tithing (condemned in the Bible), moral or not, is practiced.

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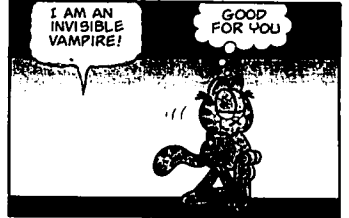
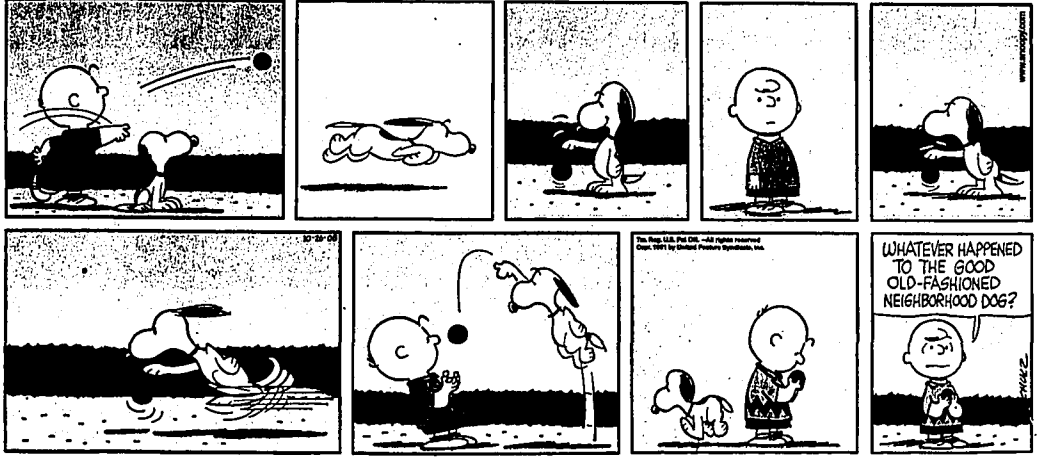
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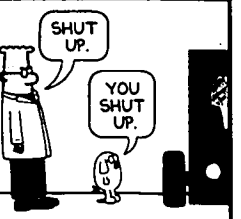
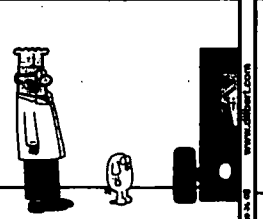
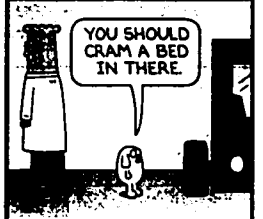
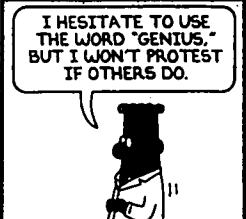
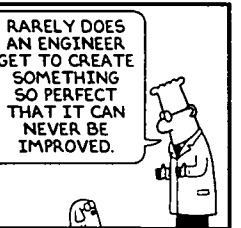
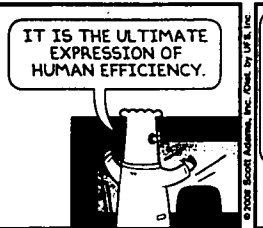
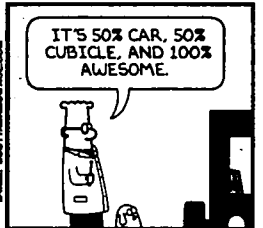
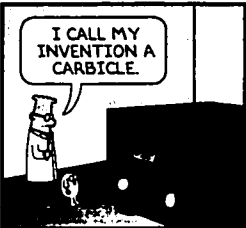
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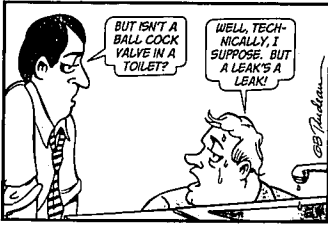
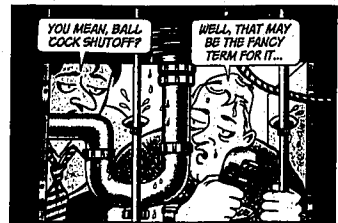
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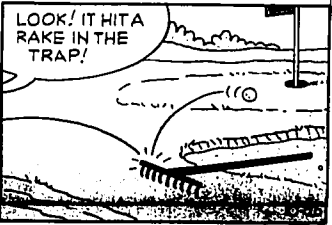
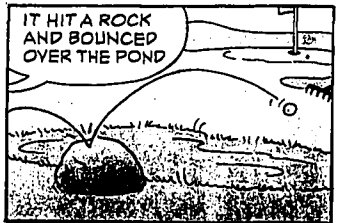
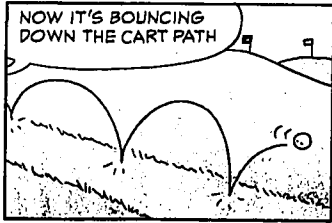
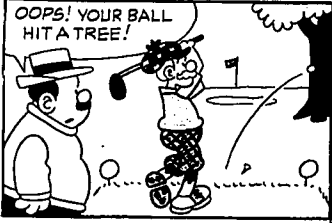
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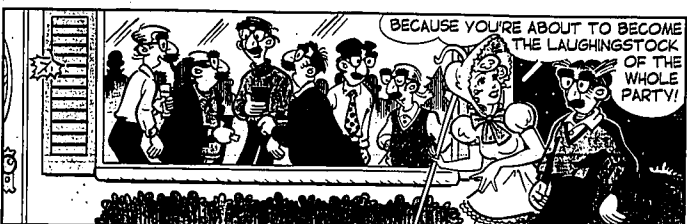
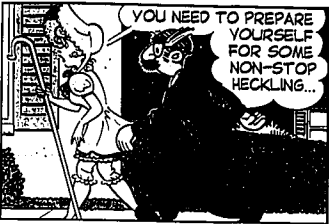
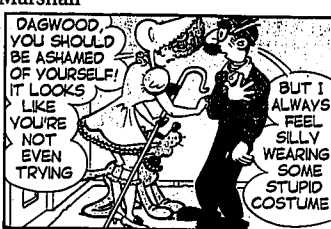
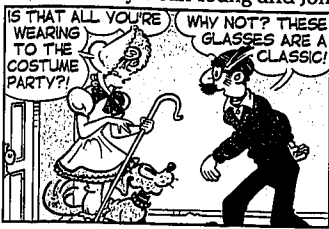
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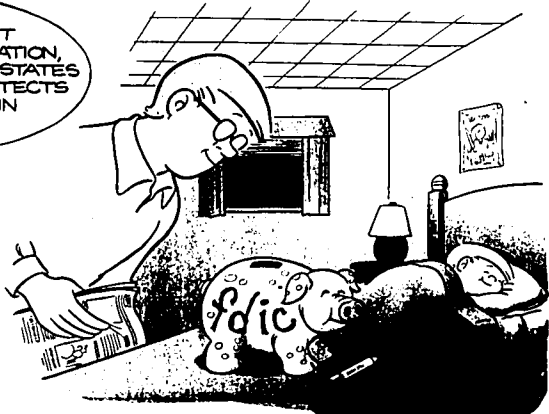
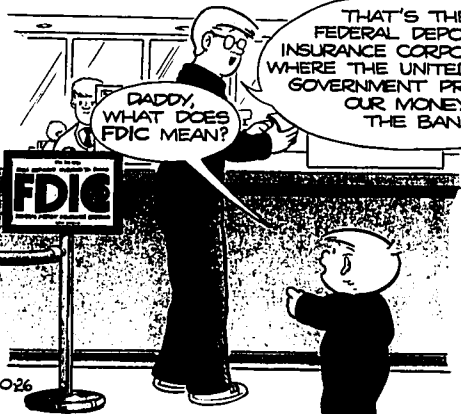


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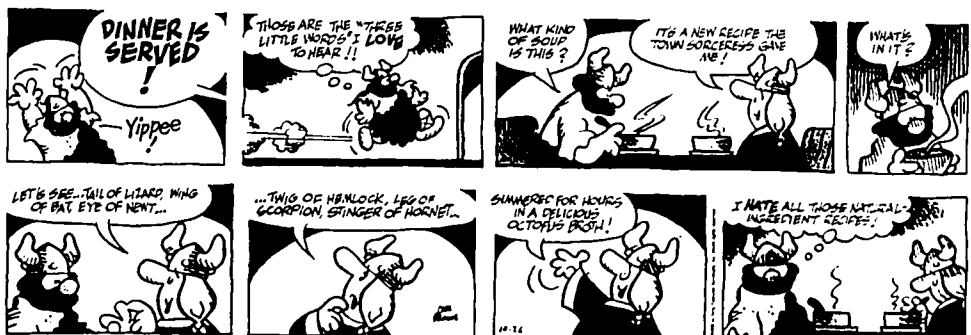
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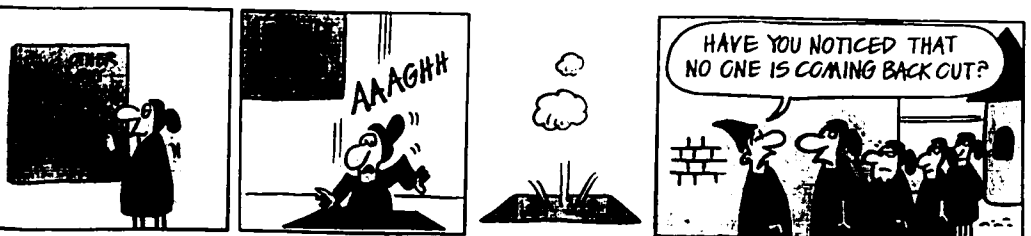
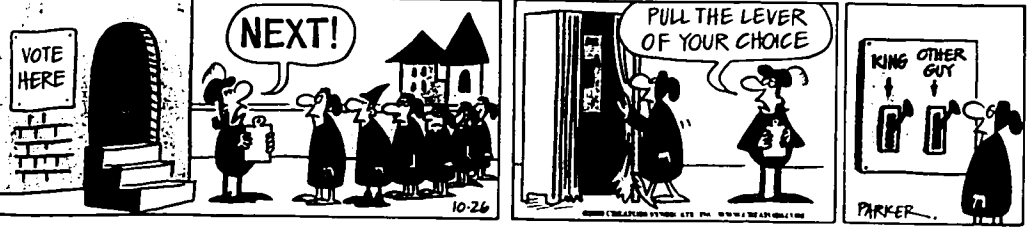


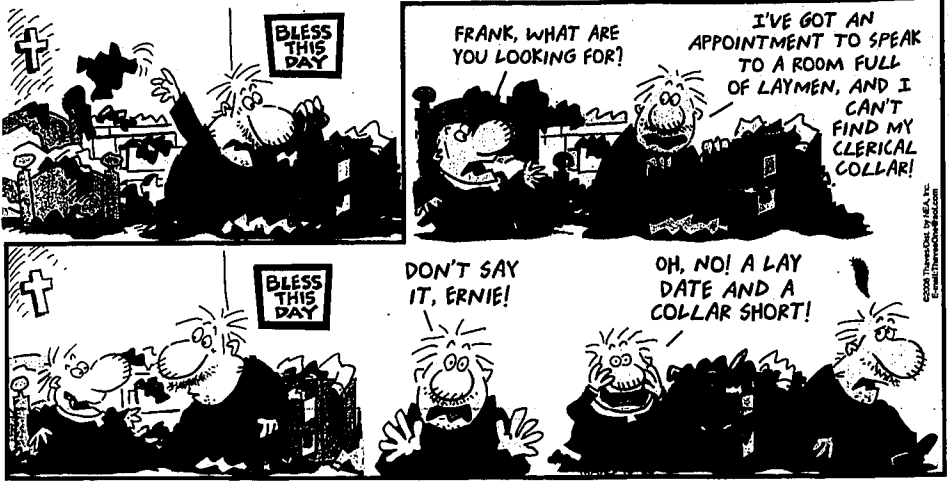
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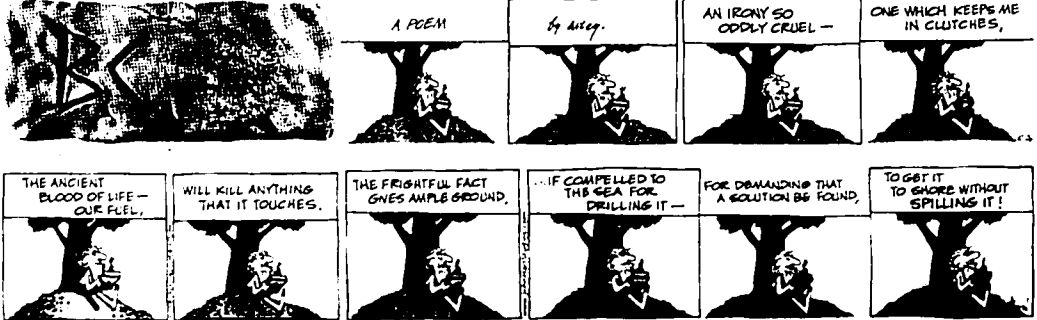
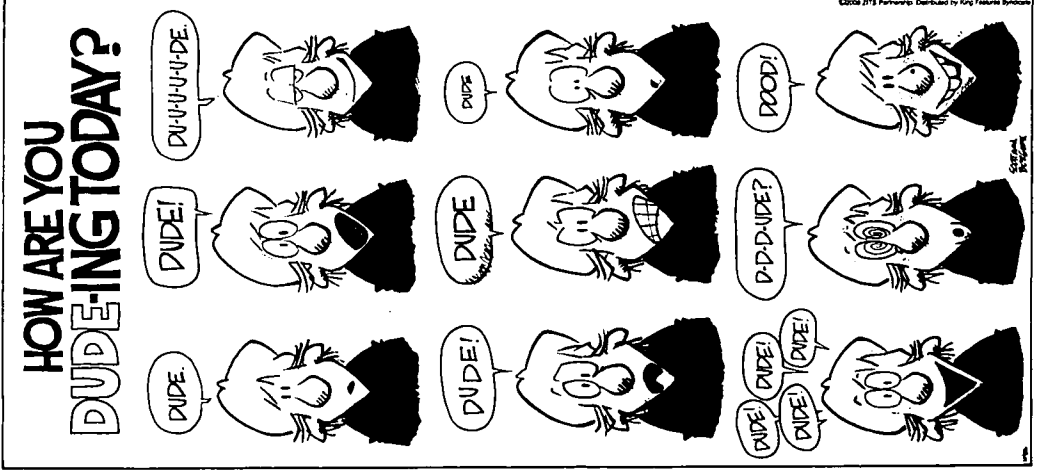


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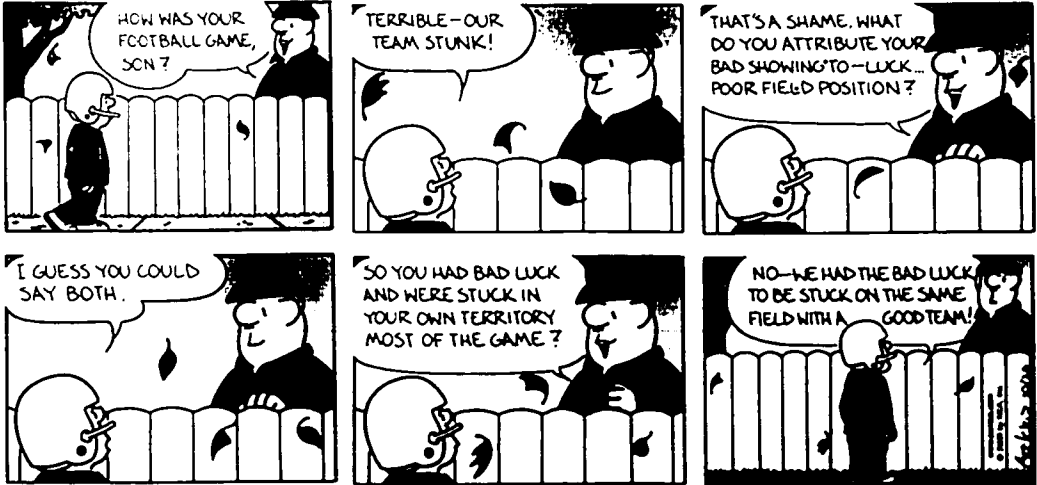




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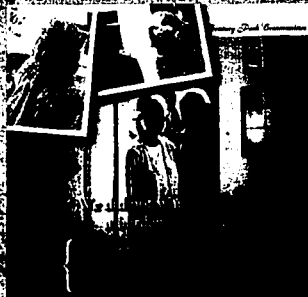
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Multitasking Tina Fey reopens Emmy-winning '30 Rock'

By Jay Bobbin
Zap2it

These days, if anyone knows about striking television gold - several times over - it's Tina Fey.

Not only did she win Emmy Awards last month for writing, producing and acting on her NBC sitcom "30 Rock," she's made several much-praised returns to the show that inspired it: "Saturday Night Live," on which she's appeared lately as Alaska Gov. and Republican vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin, a part that drew her close to win by popular demand before she officially played it.

Don't be surprised if she reprises that role next weekend on NBC's last live-action "SNL." (In fact, you could almost put money on it.)

However, Fey gets back to her main course of current business with the first of her new comedies of "30 Rock" Thursday, Oct. 30.

Her alter ego Liz Lemon, the head writer of a sketch comedy series (as Fey was herself during her tenure on "SNL"), opens the new

Cover story

Show time

What: '30 Rock'
When: Thursday, Oct. 30
Channel: NBC

stories by dealing with an ever-present adaption agency representative (guest star Megan Mullally, "Will & Grace") as things go crazy at Liz's workplace.

One factor is sure to be Liz's boss, Jack Donaghy (Alec Baldwin, another recent Emmy winner for the show), just returned from a brief stint with the U.S. government that followed his demotion at the network. Cast regulars Tracy Morgan, Jane Krakowski, Jack McBrayer and Judah Friedlander are also back.

If not a ratings powerhouse, "30 Rock" has been a critical darling from the start. With its seven latest Emmys, including the one for outstanding comedy series for the second consecutive year, Fey is feeling good about the



Tina Fey stars in '30 Rock,' which begins its third season Thursday on NBC.

start of its third round.

Though she lost her ceremony during the Emmy peruse (it eventually was recovered), she recalls it as "a great night for us. I feel when the show wins, it really belongs to all of us who make it, which is a lot of people.

"Being in New York, we feel kind of isolated from show business a lot of the time, so it was nice to receive such a welcome

out there."

The series' kudos also include a Peabody Award, but Fey knows viewership is as important a lifeline, proven by her Emmy-podium shout-outs specifying every media platform where "30 Rock" can be found.

"We've been very lucky that the network always has been very supportive of us," she says. "They have such a long

relationship with Lorne (Michaels, executive producer of both "SNL" and "30 Rock"), they trusted me to be a first-time show runner much more than they would have without his involvement."

Another testament to "30 Rock" is the roster of big-name guests it has attracted. Oprah Winfrey (playing herself), Salma Hayek and Jennifer Aniston appear early in the new year, following such notable visitors as Jerry Seinfeld, former Vice President Al Gore, Whoopi Goldberg, Matthew Broderick, Nathan Lane, Eddie Falco ("The Sopranos"), LL Cool J, Carrie Fisher, tennis legend John McEnroe, and two performing veterans who also earned Emmys for the show, Tim Conway and Elaine Stritch.

One of the sweetest "30 Rock" results for Fey is the wide acclaim for Baldwin and her other co-stars. "There's a different kind of satisfaction you get from coming up with a bit for someone else," she says, "and then to also get your hair and makeup done

and be in it with them. Even if it's someone else's joke and they kill with it, you're just as happy."

Still, Fey "won enough of her own laughs by donning Sarah Palin's hairstyle and glasses on "Saturday Night Live" in recent weeks. "It's really fun to go back and do things with Amy (Poehler), also Fey's co-star in this year's movie "Baby Mama", because we've known each other a long time.

"But now that I'm on a human schedule, I'll be over there and say, 'Why are we having this meeting at midnight? It's like being in college. I think you have to be young to live in that world all the time.'"

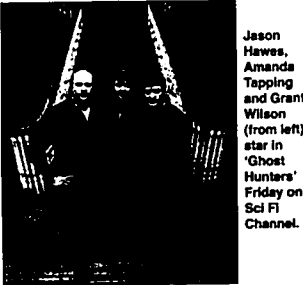
"30 Rock" began at the same time as another similarly named NBC show, "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip." Fey admits that seems like "a long time ago." Just knew at the beginning that I had an affection for these characters. I felt that they could sustain themselves, and that you could spend several years doing a lot of stories about them. They had enough juice."

Sci Fi's 'Ghost Hunters' have an island Halloween

By Kaye O'Hare
Zap2it

For its first live Halloween special in 2008, Sci Fi Channel's "Ghost Hunters" - led by Rhode Island Roto-Rooter plumbers Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson - who moonlight as paranormal investigators - chose the 138-guest-room Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, Colo., an hour from Denver, which was the inspiration for the Stephen King novel "The Shining."

This Friday, Oct. 31, Hawes and Wilson take T.A.P.s on a ferry ride to Pea Patch Island in the Delaware River to do a second, now live investigation of Fort Delaware, an early 19th-century battlefront that became a POW camp during the Civil War.



Jason Hawes, Amanda Tapping and Grant Wilson (from left) star in "Ghost Hunters" Friday on Sci Fi Channel.

T.A.P.s. doesn't just show up at a location with a few psychics, a couple of dowsing rods and a crystal ball.

Its investigative

technique is based more in hard evidence, so there are cameras (regular, night vision and thermal imaging - in addition to those that record the show

for broadcast), digital recorders and a variety of devices to measure electromagnetic fields, temperature and so on.

There's a command center with multiple computers to keep track of the team members and feeds from the equipment. On top of all this, it's a live, interactive show, so there has to be a way for viewers to communicate with the team and for the signal to be fed to the mainland to be retransmitted to Sci Fi and thence to cable operators.

One way or another, all of this stuff has to be plugged in to something,

Show time

What: 'Ghosthunters'
When: Friday, Oct. 31
Channel: Sci Fi

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TV Weekly symbols

- TVY Children of all ages
- TVY7 Children 7 and older
- TV14 Parental guidance suggested
- TV14-F Modified for families with children under 14
- TVMA Mature audiences only

- (CC) closed caption
- (H) stereo
- (R) rated
- (R) general audience
- (R) parental guidance suggested
- (R) under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian
- (R) 16+ not for under 16

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Free Channels														
10	11	KWTW CW	The Daily Buzz					The Steve Wilkos Show		Home of Payne	Peace of Payne	The Bernie Mac Show	Cops	The Tyra Banks Show
12	13	KSWB CW	News		Good Morning America				The View		Judge David Young	Judge David Young	AJ My Children	
14	15	KPTV NBC	Varied Programs	Classical	Muster Rogers' Neighborhood	Arthur	Martha Speaks	Curious George	Let the Games Begin	Super Why!	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Bottom Street		Dragon Tales
16	17	KISU NBC	Varied Programs	Classical	Muster Rogers' Neighborhood	Arthur	Martha Speaks	Curious George	Let the Games Begin	Super Why!	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Bottom Street		Judge Mathis
18	19	KFTZ NBC	(1) Videos For Fun	Classical	Muster Rogers' Neighborhood	Arthur	Martha Speaks	Curious George	Let the Games Begin	Super Why!	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Bottom Street		Judge Mathis
20	21	KTF7 CW	News		Today			The Morning Show With Mica & Juliet		Judge Karen		Divorce Court	Judge Alex	Live With Regis and Kelly
22	23	KTDJ CW	Varied Programs			AgDay	First Business		Maury		Harry Springs			Rachel Ray
24	25	KDKB CW	News		News	The Early Show			The Price is Right		The Young and the Restless			Inside Edition
26	27	KHMY CW	(2:30) CBS Up to the Mountains	(3:24) Q24	(5:45) News	CBS Morning News	The Early Show		The Price is Right		The Young and the Restless			Movie & Spa
28	29	KBYB CW	(1) Movies & Specials			Paid Program	Animals	Varied Programs	Jury Duty	First Business	News	Varied Programs		Page Six
30	31	KYTL CW	Ventanas		Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado
32	33	KCTP CW	Baby Electric	Martha	Carpet	Carpet	Carpet	Carpet	Carpet	Carpet	Carpet	Carpet	Carpet	Carpet
34	35	KCJY CW	Music Videos	Varied Programs		Music Videos								
Cable Channels														
36	37	TELE	Lecturas	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado	Payado
38	39	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry
40	41	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry
42	43	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry
44	45	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry
46	47	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry
48	49	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry
50	51	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry
52	53	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry
54	55	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry
56	57	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry
58	59	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry
60	61	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry
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98	99	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry
100	101	CP24	Despierta America			U.S. Senate Coverage			Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia		Causes de Familia	BlackBerry

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6p.m.	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	
Free Channels													
KTWV 03	In Harlem's Vibe Lorraine Bookends Issues (R) (TV-PG)	Valentine: The Book of Love Bookends Issues (R) (TV-14)	Deep Water: "Shark Full O' Mad" (R) (TV-14)	Chesley '08 (TV-PG)	Paradise (TV-14)	Paradise (TV-14)	With a Grunt (TV-PG)	With a Grunt (TV-PG)	Boys' II 2: Meechie's Inky Inkies (TV-PG)	The Dead Zone (TV-14)			
KISW 03	America's Funniest Home Videos (R) (TV-PG)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "MacGyly Family" (TV-PG)	Deepwater: Homeowner Steve Takes a Bath (TV-PG)	Deepwater: Homeowner Steve Takes a Bath (TV-PG)	Deepwater: Homeowner Steve Takes a Bath (TV-PG)	Deepwater: Homeowner Steve Takes a Bath (TV-PG)	Deepwater: Homeowner Steve Takes a Bath (TV-PG)	Deepwater: Homeowner Steve Takes a Bath (TV-PG)	Deepwater: Homeowner Steve Takes a Bath (TV-PG)	The Heat (TV-14)			
KRQA 03	Search for the Eye (TV-PG)	Deerline: Mean Games (TV-PG)	Deerline: Mean Games (TV-PG)	Deerline: Mean Games (TV-PG)	Deerline: Mean Games (TV-PG)	Deerline: Mean Games (TV-PG)	Deerline: Mean Games (TV-PG)	Deerline: Mean Games (TV-PG)	Deerline: Mean Games (TV-PG)	The Sheet List (TV-14)			
KXFF 03	Bill & Ted's Wild Songs Cameo - 4 Days, 4 Nights at Philadelphia: Photos from Olympic Trials	The Top Ten: Bill & Ted's Wild Songs Cameo - 4 Days, 4 Nights at Philadelphia: Photo from Olympic Trials	The Top Ten: Bill & Ted's Wild Songs Cameo - 4 Days, 4 Nights at Philadelphia: Photo from Olympic Trials	The Top Ten: Bill & Ted's Wild Songs Cameo - 4 Days, 4 Nights at Philadelphia: Photo from Olympic Trials	The Top Ten: Bill & Ted's Wild Songs Cameo - 4 Days, 4 Nights at Philadelphia: Photo from Olympic Trials	The Top Ten: Bill & Ted's Wild Songs Cameo - 4 Days, 4 Nights at Philadelphia: Photo from Olympic Trials	The Top Ten: Bill & Ted's Wild Songs Cameo - 4 Days, 4 Nights at Philadelphia: Photo from Olympic Trials	The Top Ten: Bill & Ted's Wild Songs Cameo - 4 Days, 4 Nights at Philadelphia: Photo from Olympic Trials	The Top Ten: Bill & Ted's Wild Songs Cameo - 4 Days, 4 Nights at Philadelphia: Photo from Olympic Trials	Prisoner (R) (TV-14)			
KTFX 03	27/24:84 Adventure (TV-PG)	27/24:84 Adventure (TV-PG)	27/24:84 Adventure (TV-PG)	27/24:84 Adventure (TV-PG)	27/24:84 Adventure (TV-PG)	27/24:84 Adventure (TV-PG)	27/24:84 Adventure (TV-PG)	27/24:84 Adventure (TV-PG)	27/24:84 Adventure (TV-PG)	Prisoner (R) (TV-14)			
KTDG 03	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	Without Traces (TV-14)			
KMDV 03	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	60 Minutes (R) (TV-14)	Without Traces (TV-14)			
KVAB 03	Big Cat: Outrigger, Wild Fishing (TV-PG)	Big Cat: Outrigger, Wild Fishing (TV-PG)	Big Cat: Outrigger, Wild Fishing (TV-PG)	Big Cat: Outrigger, Wild Fishing (TV-PG)	Big Cat: Outrigger, Wild Fishing (TV-PG)	Big Cat: Outrigger, Wild Fishing (TV-PG)	Big Cat: Outrigger, Wild Fishing (TV-PG)	Big Cat: Outrigger, Wild Fishing (TV-PG)	Big Cat: Outrigger, Wild Fishing (TV-PG)	Without Traces (TV-14)			
KCTP 03	Relax (TV-G)	Relax (TV-G)	Relax (TV-G)	Relax (TV-G)	Relax (TV-G)	Relax (TV-G)	Relax (TV-G)	Relax (TV-G)	Relax (TV-G)	Without Traces (TV-14)			
KCLV 03	Music Videos Justinian F. The Whimper	Music Videos Justinian F. The Whimper	Music Videos Justinian F. The Whimper	Music Videos Justinian F. The Whimper	Music Videos Justinian F. The Whimper	Music Videos Justinian F. The Whimper	Music Videos Justinian F. The Whimper	Music Videos Justinian F. The Whimper	Music Videos Justinian F. The Whimper	Without Traces (TV-14)			
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KFTT	MW Baseball World Series Game 5 - Tampa Bay at Philadelphia (TV-14)	Chopped: A Global Culinary Competition (TV-14)	Chopped: A Global Culinary Competition (TV-14)	Chopped: A Global Culinary Competition (TV-14)	Chopped: A Global Culinary Competition (TV-14)	Chopped: A Global Culinary Competition (TV-14)	Chopped: A Global Culinary Competition (TV-14)	Chopped: A Global Culinary Competition (TV-14)	Chopped: A Global Culinary Competition (TV-14)	Chopped: A Global Culinary Competition (TV-14)	Chopped: A Global Culinary Competition (TV-14)	Chopped: A Global Culinary Competition (TV-14)	Chopped: A Global Culinary Competition (TV-14)
KTTV	Family Guy (N)	The Big Bang Theory (TV-14)	The Big Bang Theory (TV-14)	The Big Bang Theory (TV-14)	The Big Bang Theory (TV-14)	The Big Bang Theory (TV-14)	The Big Bang Theory (TV-14)	The Big Bang Theory (TV-14)	The Big Bang Theory (TV-14)	The Big Bang Theory (TV-14)	The Big Bang Theory (TV-14)	The Big Bang Theory (TV-14)	The Big Bang Theory (TV-14)
KMDV	World Sport: Caribbean (TV-14)	World Sport: Caribbean (TV-14)	World Sport: Caribbean (TV-14)	World Sport: Caribbean (TV-14)	World Sport: Caribbean (TV-14)	World Sport: Caribbean (TV-14)	World Sport: Caribbean (TV-14)	World Sport: Caribbean (TV-14)	World Sport: Caribbean (TV-14)	World Sport: Caribbean (TV-14)	World Sport: Caribbean (TV-14)	World Sport: Caribbean (TV-14)	World Sport: Caribbean (TV-14)
KYAL	Infants	Infants	Infants	Infants	Infants	Infants	Infants	Infants	Infants	Infants	Infants	Infants	Infants
KCFE	America's Richest	America's Richest	America's Richest	America's Richest	America's Richest	America's Richest	America's Richest	America's Richest	America's Richest	America's Richest	America's Richest	America's Richest	America's Richest
KCLY	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos
Cable Channels	UNLV Date Warner (TV-14)	UNLV Date Warner (TV-14)	UNLV Date Warner (TV-14)	UNLV Date Warner (TV-14)	UNLV Date Warner (TV-14)	UNLV Date Warner (TV-14)	UNLV Date Warner (TV-14)	UNLV Date Warner (TV-14)	UNLV Date Warner (TV-14)	UNLV Date Warner (TV-14)	UNLV Date Warner (TV-14)	UNLV Date Warner (TV-14)	UNLV Date Warner (TV-14)
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37	Yams	Yams	Yams	Yams	Yams	Yams	Yams	Yams	Yams	Yams	Yams	Yams	Yams
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More movies

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Drama/Comedy Short
Magnum (R) **F**

2:30 p.m. **THE SHADOW** (1994)
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3:00 p.m. **STARBUCK** (2007)
Drama/Comedy Short
Magnum (R) **F**

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Drama/Comedy Short
Magnum (R) **F**

3:30 p.m. **STARBUCK** (2007)
Drama/Comedy Short
Magnum (R) **F**

4:00 p.m. **STARBUCK** (2007)
Drama/Comedy Short
Magnum (R) **F**

ADULTS

4:00 p.m. **STARBUCK** (2007)
Drama/Comedy Short
Magnum (R) **F**

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Drama/Comedy Short
Magnum (R) **F**

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Drama/Comedy Short
Magnum (R) **F**

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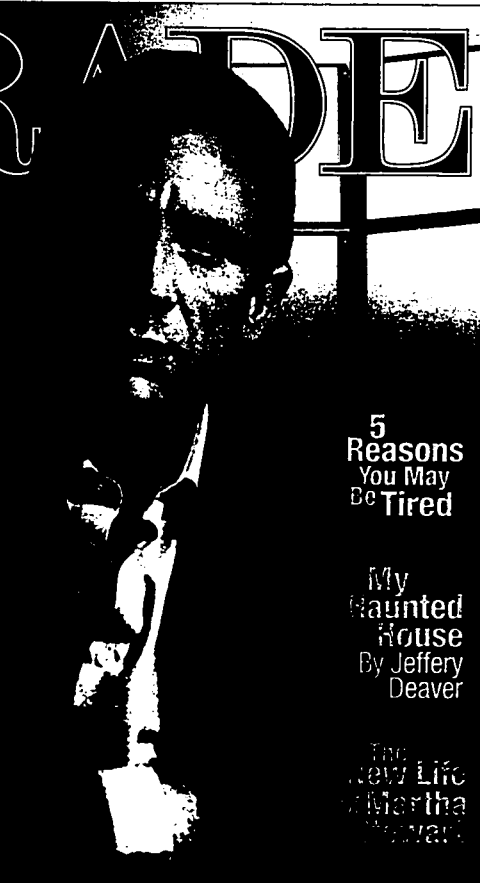
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Q Angelina Jolie gets a lot of publicity for her kids and causes. Does it help or hurt at Oscar time?—E.E., Los Angeles, Calif.

A Neither. Though her only win—for 1999's *Girl, Interrupted*—was before she became a tabloid fixture, Jolie is generating Oscar buzz for her role as the mom of a missing child in *The Changeling*, directed by Clint Eastwood. "Angelina is so emotionally available," says Brian Grazer, the film's co-producer. "To have her step into this role was very exciting."



Jolie: Do the tabloids obscure her talent?

Q Cuba Gooding Jr. is terrific in dramas and comedies. Why isn't he given more roles?—T. Hawkins, St. Louis, Mo.

A Actually, Gooding, 40, is one of Hollywood's busiest actors. He's made nearly 60 TV or feature films. He just finished shooting *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story* for TNT, to air in February. It's based on the true story of Dr. Carson, a poor inner-city kid who went on to become director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University Hospital.

Gooding: Good role about a great man

Q Whenever Maria Sharapova is playing tennis on TV, you see her dad in the stands but never her mother. Why?—Blair Mintz, Houston, Tex.

A Because her mom, Yelena Sharapova, is too nervous to watch her only child compete. The same occasionally holds true for the parents of the Williams sisters. Their father, Richard, has been known to wander around outside until the matches are over.

Sharapova: Calmer than Mom

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Q Some stars, like Jennifer Aniston, only date for many weeks, while others go for ordinary people. Why?—Brandi Scott, Columbia Falls, Mont.

A Those like Aniston look for a soul mate who understands the pressures they face in showbiz. Others want someone who'll help them lead a more normal life. Nicolas Cage has tried both. After three marriages to Patricia Arquette and Lisa Marie Presley, he wed a waitress.



Cage and wife Patricia Arquette

Q When will we see the lovely Sela Ward again?—Mays Weinstein, Los Angeles, Calif.

A Ward, 52, tells us she can afford to be choosy. "I'm spending more time with my daughter and son, who are just 14 and 10," she says. "I've put aside TV unless a great cable show comes along where I only have to do 12 episodes." Sela did shoot *The Stepfather*, a film with TV hunk Dylan Walsh and Penn Badgley. It's due out next fall.



Ward: Picky about her projects



Bennett: Around the time he lost his heart



Ward: Picky about her projects

Q Please settle a bet: I say Tony Bennett already was famous when he recorded his signature song, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." My friend says he wasn't.—L.J. Warren Nielsen, Salt Lake City, Utah

A You win. Bennett had several big hits in the 1950s. He first sang "San Francisco" at that city's famed Fairmont Hotel in 1961 and released it the next year as the B-side of the ballad "Once Upon a Time." He never expected it to become the defining song of his 60-year career.

Q I loved Kirk Cameron on TV's *Growing Pains*, but now he just does Christian-themed movies. Is he serious about his faith?—Barbara M., Cincinnati, Ohio

A Very. Cameron, 38, is a partner in an evangelical ministry and is unapologetic about doing movies like his recent hit *FireProof*. "I've been in cheesy movies," he admits, "but an inspirational message doesn't make a movie cheesy—not if it's well done." What some reporters found less than inspirational was Kirk handing out fake money bearing a warning to sinners while he publicized *FireProof*.



Cameron: Has faith in his films

Q Are U.S. Senators eligible for a pension if they aren't re-elected and serve just one six-year term?—Beth Olin (no city given)

A Yes. Senators need just five years to be eligible at age 62. (Currently, the pension would be less than 8.5% of their 2008 salary, \$169,300.) If they become disabled, Senators can immediately get benefits after 18 months in office.

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The Man Who Loves Being Bad

by Kevin Sessums



...and the \$600 million worldwide. His second effort, *Queen of Solace*, due out Nov. 14, picks up where *Casino Royale* left off.

The question I keep asking myself while playing the role is, "Am I the good guy or just a bad guy who works for the good side?" he says. Bond's role, after all, is that of an assassin when you come down to it. I have never played a role in which someone's dark side shouldn't be explored. I don't think it should be confusing by the end of the movie, but during the movie you should be questioning who he is.

Playing the world's most famous spy has, Craig admits, changed his life. "I was at a stage of my career in which things were going pretty well," he says. "I was making plenty of money, relatively

sweater, black shirt, and black jeans. Craig's 2006 movie *Casino Royale* became the highest-grossing Bond film in history, earning nearly



speaking—enough to live on. But when this opportunity came along, I knew it would turn everything upside-down. I'm 40 now. It really helped me put things in perspective. It wasn't about the money. It was about changing things up and seeing what

would happen." He takes a sip of tea and adds contemplatively, "At some point, life starts to pass you by and becomes about avoidance. I want to stay clear from that situation, because I don't like that."

FOR CRAIG, PLAYING BOND SEEMS to be as much an athletic endeavor as an acting challenge. He played rugby as a schoolboy in Liverpool—and talking about that time, he softens. His mother, an art teacher, and his father, who ran a pub, divorced when he was 4 years old. When I ask if his love of performing stems from those early days in his father's pub, his blue eyes crinkle with joy.

"Oh, you've found me out," he says. "I've always loved to dress up a bit and show off. There was also a great theater company in Liverpool called Everyman, where I hung out as a kid. It was one of the major influences on me."

What would the people who knew him back then say about his becoming a sex symbol? Craig's raucous laughter is loud enough now to fill any pub back in Liverpool. "If people want to think of me that way, that's great," Craig says. "But the truth is, I don't have a connection with that image." So, what was he thinking when he posed for the now-famous beefcake photo of Bond emerging from the surf in a Speedo? The shot swept the Internet in 2006, just when he was being introduced as the new 007.

"I was being objectified, but actually that's not a bad thing to feel," he says with a laugh. "I knew exactly what was going on when I did that shot. There's a conscious decision to everything I do. For me to say, 'Oh, God! I don't realize that would happen!' sounds incredibly naive. I look at that picture, and my only thought now is that I certainly don't look like that anymore. For *Quantum of Solace*, I made a decision that I wanted to get bigger and get muscles, because Bond is older and has probably been training." It's unlikely though, that any subtle change in physique will alter his appeal. "As I keep saying, I'm 40 now, and in five years' time or even less, sex symbol might be a really kind of weird term to attach to myself. How about sexy

father figure?" he suggests.

Craig is, in fact, a father. His daughter from an early marriage that ended in divorce is almost as old now as he was when he dropped out of school at age 16 to move to London to pursue an acting career.

'In five years, sex symbol might be a really weird term to attach to myself'

Would he allow his own child to do such a thing?

"No," is his quick answer. "No. No. No. No."

His mother and sister are two of the most important people in his life. He is still close to his ex-wife. And his longtime girlfriend, Satsuki Mitchell, a movie producer, is another steady presence. All this female energy around him may explain why



With longtime girlfriend Satsuki Mitchell

not something I'm capable of. That's something maybe De Niro is capable of at his best. But that's not me. As tough a role as I have to play, I'm always just me. It's good to be in touch with as much of yourself as possible. Otherwise, you're a rather one-note performer. Who wants to be the tough guy and nothing else?"

AMONG HIS MANY TOUGH-GUY antecedents in Hollywood—Steve McQueen, Paul Newman, Humphrey Bogart, Clark Gable, James Cagney—

with whom does Daniel Craig most identify? "The obvious choice for me would be Bogart," he says. "Not only because of that ease he had with his unique take on masculinity, but also—and this is much more important—because he got to sleep with Lauren Bacall."

I finally ask this British actor a deeply American question: "Who do you think would be the better James Bond—Barack Obama or John McCain?"

Craig doesn't hesitate. "Obama would be the better Bond because—if he's true to his word—he'd be willing to quite literally look the enemy in the eye and go toe-to-toe with them. McCain, because of his long service and experience, would probably be a better M," he adds,

mentioning Bond's boss, played by Dame Judi Dench. "There is, come to think of it, a kind of Judi Dench quality to McCain."

And who does he think would be the better Bond girl—Michelle Obama or Cindy McCain?

Again Craig's laughter practically lifts him from his seat. "Oh, now you've crossed the line," he says. "That's much too dangerous a question. Can't we go back to talking about Lauren Bacall?"



'I've always loved to dress up a bit and show off'

Craig's masculinity onscreen is not off-putting but forged instead with a kind of fierce sensitivity.

"There are people on this planet where you go, 'Oops, no, I don't even want to look that person in the eye,'" says Craig. "And that real scanniness



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FEEDBACK

Who's More 'Presidential'?

In a recent issue of PARADE, historian Doris Kearns Goodwin wrote about 10 traits shared by Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt, two of our greatest Presidents. We asked readers to vote on whether the current candidates had those qualities. Here are some of the results.

	 McGain	 Obama
Courage to stay strong	49%	51%
Learns from errors	50%	50%
Willingness to change	34%	66%
Self-control	36%	64%
Understands people's concerns	33%	67%
Strong moral compass	40%	60%
A gift for inspiring others	31%	69%

What do you think? You can still vote at Parade.com/Intel

ELECTION **How To Vote When You've Lost Your Home**

In the first eight months of 2008, more than 2 million households in the U.S. received foreclosure notices. Will displaced homeowners have problems casting ballots on Nov. 4? Concerns arose after it was reported—erroneously, it turns out—that some GOP officials in Michigan were planning to use foreclosure lists at the polls to challenge voters' eligibility. Supporters of both candidates also worry that people dealing with foreclosures may abstain from voting

due to confusion or stress. Why this matters: The numbers of potentially affected voters are big enough to alter the results in several states. Ohio has had about 99,000 foreclosure filings so far this year, and in 2004 only 118,601 votes separated Kerry from Bush, who took the state. Nevada has had about 68,000 filings to date, and in 2004 Bush won the state by a slim 21,500 votes.

"Foreclosure does not take away the right to vote," notes Rosemary Rodriguez of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. On Nov. 4, if a poll worker does not let you vote, and you believe that you are registered, ask for a provisional ballot (available at polling places). "Now, more than ever, it's important for people to make their voices heard," says Robyn Carrham, Missouri Secretary of State.



GOVERNMENT WATCH

U.S. Bribery In Iraq

In just one year of the Iraq War, Army Maj. John Cockerham made more than \$9 million. How? By taking money from contractors in return for steering big-ticket U.S. government deals their way. Cockerham's crimes occurred while he was a contracting officer in Kuwait. In February, he pleaded guilty to bribery, conspiracy, and money-laundering.

His case is only part of the Iraq War-related corruption that the Department of Justice has uncovered. So far, an

One Army officer pocketed \$9 million

investigation has found that Army personnel and American civilians have taken illegal payments ranging from \$5000 to \$9 million. (Maj. James Momon Jr., Cockerham's successor in Kuwait, recently pleaded guilty to pocketing more than \$1 million.) Huge profits are at stake in Iraq: The U.S. government already has paid more than \$100 billion to private contractors performing work in the war zone.

Investigators from the FBI and Pentagon are going after the people and firms making the bribes as well. "Both sides are equally culpable—the ones paying the bribes are profiting the most," says Department of Justice attorney Mark Fletcher, a prosecutor on the Cockerham and Momon cases. To solve the larger problem, the U.S. government also is overhauling its war procurement system.

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If YOU'RE LIKE MANY PEOPLE, you consider a state of fatigue normal. Often, a lack of energy can be corrected with changes in diet and exercise. But a real medical reason also could be causing that missing zip. Consider whether the following conditions sound familiar.

Sleep Disorders

Two common medical sleep disorders—obstructive sleep apnea and restless legs syndrome—might be interfering with a good night's rest. Sleep apnea is a breathing abnormality caused by intermittent obstruction of the upper airway during sleep. One symptom is snoring, though not all people who snore have apnea. Another clue that you suffer from sleep apnea is "scalloping" at the edges of the tongue. This is caused by the impression of the teeth and indicates a crowded airway or a tongue that's relatively large for the size of the mouth. Kids who have sleep apnea sometimes are misdiagnosed with attention-deficit disorder, because poor sleep makes it difficult for them to focus during the day.

Restless legs syndrome is aptly named.

Periodic jerking motions and discomfort in the legs cause frequent awakening, which interferes with sleep. Often hereditary, the condition also can be caused by pregnancy or iron deficiency. According to the National Institutes of Health, 12 million to 18 million Americans have sleep apnea, and up to 10% of adults have restless legs.

Experts agree that sleep disorders are vastly underdiagnosed, so it's worth asking your doctor.

What to do? The first step is to get diagnosed. An overnight sleep study can distinguish among different sleep disorders and help your doctor determine the best treatment. Most sleep disorders can be effectively treated.

Thyroid Conditions

The thyroid is a butterfly-shaped gland in your neck alongside the Adam's apple. Few glands affect as many bodily processes as your thyroid—including metabolism, growth, heart rate, body temperature, energy levels, mood, cholesterol levels, and growth

of hair, skin, and nails. Unfortunately, much can go wrong. Thyroid disorders are among the most common glandular disorders. They affect more than 20 million Americans, with perhaps an additional 13 million undiagnosed. Women are affected more than men. Both an underactive and an overactive thyroid can cause fatigue. An underactive thyroid is more common and in most cases is caused by Hashimoto's disease, an autoimmune disorder that attacks the thyroid. Fatigue, sluggishness, malaise, and feeling cold are common symptoms.

What to do? The best way to diagnose imbalances of thyroid function is with the TSH blood test. If that's ab-

normal, more testing often is warranted. When a thyroid problem is diagnosed, medication usually solves the problem.

Diabetes

Diabetes has reached epidemic proportions in the U.S. and now affects 23.6 million Americans. In type 1 diabetes, generally diagnosed in children and young adults, the pancreas is unable to produce insulin. In the much more common type 2 diabetes, the pancreas continues to produce insulin, but the body loses its responsiveness to the hormone, a condition called "insulin resistance." Fatigue is a key symptom in both forms of the disease.

According to the American Diabetes Association, 24% of people with diabetes don't even know they have it, and 57 million have "pre-diabetes."

That means nearly a quarter of Americans are either diabetic or pre-diabetic. Symptoms can develop insidiously over time. Besides fatigue, it's common for people with diabetes to experience weight gain (especially abdominal), increased appetite, thirst, frequent urination, and blurred vision.

What to do? The good news is that type 2 diabetes can be helped and even prevented with proper diet, exercise, and weight loss. (Type 1 diabetes requires insulin therapy.) Diabetes can be detected with a simple blood test, so if you're having symptoms or are at increased risk, don't wait—get a checkup.

A real medical condition could be causing your fatigue

5
Reasons
You're
Maybe
Tired

by Dr. Mark Liponis

Depression

Depression, which often is masked by fatigue, affects more than 20 million Americans and is a major cause of disability. Fortunately, therapies and medications have improved greatly in the last decade, and the stigma of depression has largely disappeared. Depression isn't "all in your head." It affects your body and general health too. If you feel you may be depressed, it's important to get help.

What to do? Tell a doctor or therapist about your symptoms. The mainstays of treatment are medications and talk therapy. Two types of talk therapy are particularly helpful: Cognitive behavioral therapy helps change negative thinking patterns, and interpersonal therapy focuses on working through troubled relationships. Most experts recommend a combination of medications and talk therapy.

Anemia

This common medical condition occurs when there is a reduced number of red blood cells—the cells that carry oxygen and carbon dioxide between the lungs and the rest of your body. Because less oxygen is delivered to the muscles and tissues, you feel tired. You also may experience shortness of breath or a faster pulse.

There are different kinds of anemia, but it's most often caused by low levels of iron, sometimes the result of bleeding. One in five women, half of pregnant women, and 3% of men in the U.S. suffer from this form of anemia. In women, heavy menstrual cycles can cause iron deficiency. Other causes include slow internal bleeding from an ulcer, a colon polyp, or even early colon cancer.

What to do? A simple blood test—a CBC, or complete blood count—can detect anemia. If you have the iron-deficiency form of anemia, taking iron supplements will help, but it's important to find the source of bleeding. **IF**

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- People with liver problems
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- About all medications you take, including prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and herbal supplements
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- If you have a thyroid problem

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LIPITOR can lower the risk of heart attack or stroke in patients who have risk factors for heart disease such as:

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Symptoms of muscle or liver problems include:

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 - Nausea, vomiting, or stomach pain
 - Brown or dark-colored urine
 - Feeling more tired than usual
 - Your skin and the whites of your eyes turn yellow
- If you have these symptoms, call your doctor right away.

The most common side effects of LIPITOR are:

- Headache
- Constipation
- Diarrhea, gas
- Upset stomach and stomach pain
- Rash
- Muscle and joint pain

Side effects are usually mild and may go away by themselves. Fewer than 3 people out of 100 stopped taking LIPITOR because of side effects.

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- Take LIPITOR at any time of day, with or without food.
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—Bob Kobitek, Cleveland, Ohio

There are hundreds of strains of E. coli. The kind that live normally in the intestines of healthy humans are harmless or beneficial. But a few rare strains that live in other animals are poisonous to humans.

When we ingest harmful strains, the bacteria secrete toxins in our intestines. They make people very ill for a while. If the toxins get into the bloodstream, they may cause permanent damage or even death. The biggest single risk is eating undercooked beef, so be safe: Cook ground meat to an internal temperature of at least 160°F; cook roasts to at least 145°F.

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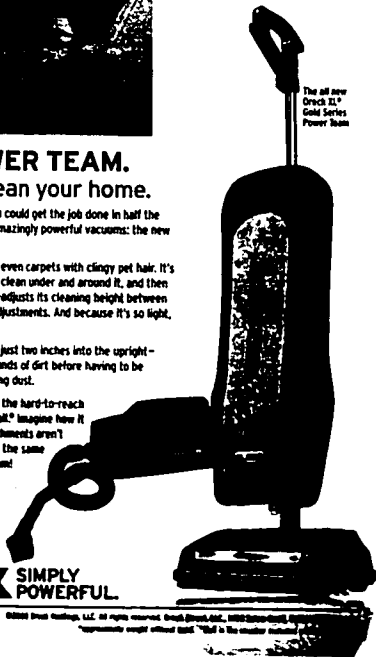
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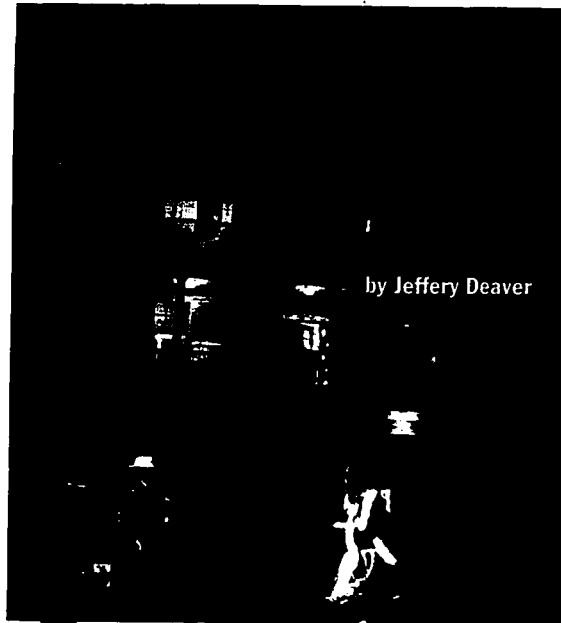
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by Jeffery Deaver

THE PLEASANT MIDWESTERN suburb where I grew up had a haunted house.

Unlike the typical pre-war bungalows around town, this house was three stories high, with a steep roof and perpetually darkened windows. An old chicken coop dominated its backyard, and the front yard contained enough brush and trees to give cover to any goblins lying in wait for small children. It was, in short, a place to be avoided.

We didn't know anything about the homeowners—I'll call them the Smiths—except that they were a reclusive, childless older couple.

Which brings me to one particularly memo-

orable Halloween in the late 1950s.

That night, my friends and I assembled on the street dressed in our costumes to plan our candy-gathering strategy. (I was Zorro, the masked swordsman.) As we stood there, Mikey, a boy who was a year or so younger than I, made me a dare to trick or treat at the Haunted House.

My usual reaction was to blurt, "Are you crazy?" But I restrained myself. For one thing, turning down a dare from somebody younger would be extremely shameful. Then, too, I was a boy whose statistics at softball and football weren't counted in percentages but by the phrase "last one packed."

And most important, I had a crush on one of the girls who'd witnessed Mikey's challenge.

So, of course, I accepted.

We began our trick-or-treating at the bungalows on the far end of the block, working our way slowly toward the Haunted House. With each home, I grew increasingly obsessed with the thought of what awaited me. Maybe it would be Dracula, Frankenstein's monster, or the flying monkeys from *The Wizard of Oz*. I was so preoccupied that I didn't even care when we hit the candy mother lode, a parent handing out full-size Hershey and 3 Musketeers bars—and who encouraged us all to take two.

Why bother? I thought. The only treat I was thinking of was me as the Smiths' main course.

We continued on. Soon the Haunted House was six doors away, four, three, and we were there.

"Are you really going to do it?" the crush-from afar girl asked breathlessly.

"I never go back on a dare," I announced. I don't think John Wayne ever said that, but if he had, he would've sounded just like me. I strode up the porch steps and rang the bell. As I waited, I turned to wave at Mikey and the gang, hoping that they could see my brave smile in the dark.

I heard a door creakily swing open, and I turned back around to say, "Trick or treat."

Facing me was the most horrifying, warty, green creature

I found myself facing the most horrifying creature I'd ever seen. A warty, green face studied me hungrily. She cackled, "Here's some candy...but it

has blood on it." She thrust forward a bowl full of salt-water taffy that was stained with crimson drops.


I stood there, frozen. Then another creature came shuffling up—a zombie straight out of a horror flick. His clothes were in tatters and spattered red, his face was scarred and missing one eye. In one hand he carried a rifle, from the other dangled a hunk of meat whose source, as far as I was concerned, had to be a previous trick-or-treater. I think he growled, "Do we want to keep this one?"

I say "think" because by the time he finished speaking, I was halfway to the sidewalk and sprint-

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ing as fast as I could. If there was any saving grace to my ignominious retreat, it was that Mikey and the rest weren't there to smirk—they were running faster than I was.

After we'd gotten a safe distance away, we reassembled. By unanimous vote, we decided that trick-or-treating was officially over.

That night I slept with all the lights on

That night I slept with my bed-room lights—all of them—on.

When I got home from school the next day, my mother told me I had a present. She gave me a bag with a note attached. It read, "Sorry if we gave you a fright last night. Here's your treat. Happy Halloween!" Inside was a huge stash of taffy, dotted with what I could see in daylight was red food coloring.

"Mrs. Smith brought it over," my mother said.

"The Smiths are such sweet people," she continued. "They're retired, just like Nan and Pop. She works part-time at the church office, and he plays a lot of golf." She lowered her voice. "And guess what? They have a color TV."

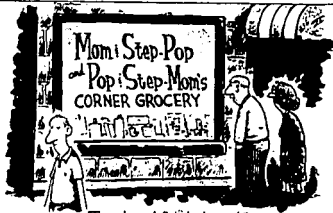
My relief was indescribable. There was no way in the world that church-working, golf-playing, color-TV owners could be witches and zombies.

But, just to be on the safe side, I slept with the lights on for the rest of the week. **16**

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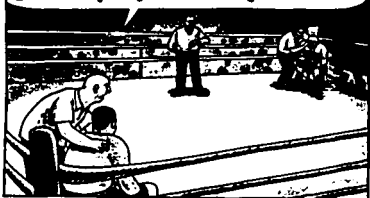
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The Fireless Flame looks so real it amazes everybody because it has no real fire. So what's the catch? Well, soft spoken Amish craftsmen who take their time hand building the mantles have a process that forces a strict household limit of 2 to keep up with orders.

"We can barely keep up ever since we started giving heaters away free. With winter just around the corner, everyone's trying to get them. Amish



■ **GENUINE AMISH MANTLES MADE IN THE USA:** Everyone wants to save money on heat bills this winter, so entire Amish communities are working from the crack of dawn to finish. These fine real wood Amish made fireplace mantles are built to last forever. The oak mantle is a real steal at just \$298 because all those who beat the order deadline by calling the National Hotline at 1-800-239-3675 to order the fireplace mantles are actually getting the imported hi-tech Fireless Flame HEAT SURGE miracle heaters for free.

craftsmen are working their fingers to the bone to be sure everyone gets their delivery in time for Christmas," confirms Timothy Milton, National Shipping Director.

"These portable Roll-n-Glow Fireplaces are the latest home decorating sensation. They actually give you a beautifully redecorated room while they quickly heat from wall to wall. It's the best way to dress up every room, stay really warm and slash your heat bills all at the same time,"

says Joette Holland, Home Make-over Expert.

And here's the best part. Readers who beat the 48-hour order deadline are getting their imported hi-tech miracle heaters free when encased in the Amish built real wood fireplace mantles. The mantles are being handmade in the USA right in the heart of Amish country where they are beautifully hand-rubbed, stained and varnished.

You just can't find custom made Amish mantles like this in the national

chain stores. That makes the oak mantle a real steal for just \$298 since the entire cost of the miracle heater is free.

This free giveaway is the best way to slash heating bills and stay warm this fall and winter. The HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow Fireplace gives you zoeo heating and all the beauty and warmth of a built-in fireplace but rolls from room-to-room so it can also save you a ton of money on heating bills.

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HEAT SURGE® Fireless Flame

How It Works: The HEAT SURGE miracle heater is a work of engineering genius from the China coast so advanced, you simply plug it into any standard wall outlet. It uses only about 8¢ of electric an hour. Yet, it produces up to an amazing 5,119 BTUs. An on board Powerful hi-tech heat turbine silently forces hot air out into the room so you feel the bone soothing heat instantly. It even has certification of Underwriters Laboratories coveted UL listing. It also comes with a limited full year replacement or money back warranty plus a 30-Day Satisfaction Guarantee.



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are flocking to get them so they may never have to turn on their furnace all winter. And since it uses only about 8 cents of electric an hour the potential savings are absolutely incredible.

"We are making sure no one gets left out, but you better hurry because entire communities of Amish craftsmen are straining to keep up with demands. For now, we are turning away all dealers in order to let readers

have two per household just as long as they call before the deadline," confirms Milton.

It's a really smart decision to get two right now because for only the next 48 hours you get both miracle heaters free. That's like putting five hundred bucks right in your pocket and you can save even more money on

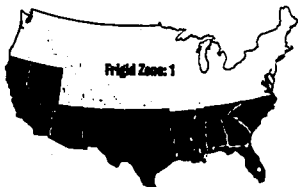
How to get free heaters

The National Toll Free Hotlines are now open. All those who beat the 48-hour order deadline to cover the cost of the Amish made Fireplace Mantle and shipping get the HEAT SURGE miracle heater free.

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"You'll instantly feel bone soothing heat in any room. You will never have to be cold again," he said. ■

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■ **FREE:** Get this \$249 miracle heater free. It is being given away free to all who beat the 48-hour order deadline for your choice of the oak or cherry finish Amish Mantles. The free heater comes already enclosed.

InStepWith® Martha Stewart

By James Brady

THE RESILIENT LIFESTYLE guru Martha Stewart's media empire is booming. She has a new cookbook out this week, another season of her daily TV show on the air, and most significantly, a refreshing new personal philosophy of life.

When I visited her glossy, all-white (walls, phones, computers) Manhattan headquarters in a hulking warehouse overlooking the Hudson River, there was Martha, sporting an olive-drab pullover, casual white cotton pants, her hair chopped shoulder-length and softly pushed back, looking much younger than her 67 years.

I asked her about that no doubt painful period when she was sentenced to five months in federal prison and another five months of house arrest. Had she taken anything positive from that bad experience? She didn't snap off a "no comment" or attempt to duck, but spoke right up.

"I now know that I can go through anything and survive," she told me. "I look over my shoulder more carefully, and I take fewer risks—not that I ever took many risks." In jail, did she counsel other inmates, or was she asked for advice? "I met and still get letters from many, many incarcerated women—very nice women," she said.

So Martha had her fall, a disastrous, humiliating fall. And she got back up to rebuild and enlarge the organization she created. "Doing anything should be a pleasant challenge," she said. "Our customers never lost faith in the



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brand. I am the brand. They had faith in me.

"I'm healthy and strong. I'm fine," she added. "I have lots of friends and a very nice existence." At one point, she walked me to the window to show me a small freight pier. "That's where I have a slip to dock my boat," she said.

Martha can be intimidating, but during

our talk she showed her wit. She revealed that her daughter's amusing new parody TV show, called *Whatever, Martha!*, which pokes fun at her, was Martha's own idea. Martha's even the producer. "So you'll make more money?" I cracked.

"I hope so," she said.

Personal
Born Aug. 3, 1941, in Jersey City, N.J. Married to Andrew Stewart, 1961-90; one daughter, Alexis, 43.

Why You Know Her
Stewart has won 11 Emmy Awards for her daytime TV shows. She also has her own magazines, books, product lines, and satellite radio channel.

What You Don't Know
A geriatric center at New York's Mount Sinai Medical Center was unveiled in Stewart's name last year. The gift was inspired by her mother, also named Martha, who remained healthy until her death last

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Martha Stewart (born Martha Kostyra) paid her way through college by working as a model and doing ads for Clairol and Lifebuoy soap. She married Yale law student Andy Stewart and later worked as a stockbroker. In 1973, when she and Andy bought a broken-down Connecticut farmhouse, Martha launched a catering company and was on her way. Her new glossy book, *Martha Stewart's Cooking School: Lessons and Recipes for the Home Cook*, is designed to teach people how to cook. And her magazine empire now has grown to include food, weddings, and lifestyle. "My editors have averaged 14 years working for me," she told me. So she doesn't just go around chopping off heads? "No," she said with a very smile.

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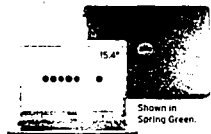
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