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Special delivery



Trish Yerges photo

EMT Forrest Warren reunites with 3-week-old, 6-pound Austin Johnson who he helped deliver into the world on July 1 at the Imbler fire station. His proud mother, Brittane Johnson, stands to the right.

EMT delivers baby at Imbler fire station

By **Trish Yerges**
Observer Correspondent

IMBLER — The Imbler fire station sees plenty of action during the year, but none more positive than the emergency delivery of Austin Johnson, the infant son of Jeret and Brittane Johnson of Elgin.

Brittane was expecting her fourth son when time and contractions got away on her Sunday, July 1.

"The day started with contractions at 10:30 a.m.," said Brittane. "They were four minutes apart, and I thought I had time to go to the grocery store to get the other boys some milk and cereal."

When she returned from the store, her contractions were still four minutes apart, so she packed the car with the boys and took them to her mother's home. Hungry, she asked her mother, Tina Moore, for something to eat. Her mother hurriedly made a peanut butter sandwich for her and told

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— **Forrest Warren**
EMT for Imbler Rural Fire Protection District

her to get in the car. Brittane's husband was also with her.

Moore was driving as fast as she could toward La Grande, but by the time they reached the Highway 82 bridge under construction, it was 2:10 p.m. and contractions were 30 seconds apart, said Brittane.

"I knew then I wasn't going to make it to the hospital," she said.

Moore had to stop at the red lights at the bridge for a nerve-wrecking minute before they

turned green again and she could speed off toward Imbler. When she reached the north end of Imbler, Brittane's husband desperately called 9-1-1 on his cell phone. They knew they had to pull over somewhere soon because the baby was coming.

"Mom was going to pull in at the Imbler Country Market, but the woman on the other end of the phone told us to pull into the fire station," said Brittane. "So that's what we did."

At that same time, Forrest Warren and his wife just happened to be traveling home on Hunter Road when a call came in to him about a woman in labor at the Imbler fire station.

"I turned on Woodell Lane and was at the fire station in two minutes. It was great timing," said Warren, an emergency medical technician intermediate for the Imbler Rural Fire Protection District.

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It's fair time

■ One of Union County's biggest events starts Wednesday; nightly musical lineup on big stage features homegrown talent

By **Dick Mason**
The Observer

The weather will be cooling slightly in Northeast Oregon this week, but activity at the Union County Fairgrounds will reach a fever pitch.

The Union County Fair opens Wednesday and runs through Saturday. The fair is expected to draw between 23,000 and 32,000 people, its attendance range over the past decade.

Attendance will be aided by slightly cooling temperatures, said Nan Bigej, manager of the Union County Fair. The projected highs for Wednesday and Thursday are in the low 80s, and Friday's projected high is 85 degrees. Bigej said that when temperatures get too high, fewer people come to the fair.

Highlights of the first day will include a concert by the La Grande-based group the Wasteland Kings, a band that specializes in bluesy rock. The group's performance begins at 8 p.m.

The Wasteland Kings will play following a fair parade down Adams Avenue, which begins at 7 p.m. The lineup for the parade will be from 5:30 and 6:15 p.m. at Hemlock and Washington streets. The parade will head west on Adams Avenue to Max Square Park. For information on entering the parade, visit the fair's web site at www.unioncountyfair.org.

Wednesday events also include a talent show at 4 p.m. and a performance by members of Becky's Studio of Dance at 6 p.m.

Thursday will be Senior Day. Everyone age 60 and older will be admitted free to the fair. Activities begin Thursday with a free breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. sponsored by Safeway.

Evening highlights Thursday will include a performance by vocalist and piano player Nicole Lewis at 8 p.m. A La Grande native who now lives in Spokane, Lewis will sing variety of country pop numbers.

Friday's entertainment highlights will include a 2:30



Nicole Lewis / Myspace

Vocalist and piano player Nicole Lewis, a La Grande native who now lives in Spokane, Wash., will sing country pop songs at 8 p.m. Thursday.

p.m. performance by Dry Fork Hired Hands and a 7:30 p.m. concert by Mark Stratton & Lost Creek Road. Dry Fork Hired Hands is a country group from Wallowa County, and Mark Stratton and Lost Creek Band, which is from La Grande, plays country, rock and roll and blues music.

Featured events on Saturday include a junior market auction that begins at 5 p.m. and performances by Brady Goss of Wallowa County at 2 and 8:30 p.m. Goss is a piano player and vocalist.

About 70 booths and stations will be open throughout the fair, ones which will offer something for everyone. Dog lovers will be drawn to J.D. Platt's K9 Kings Entertainment station. It will feature dogs representing 13 breeds that do agility drills, Frisbee-catching routines and much more. One K9 Kings dog is advertised as the "fastest Frisbee dog in the world."

K9 Kings, based in Bend, will give about three 30-minute shows a day.

A carnival offering many rides will be open from 2 to 10 p.m. each day of the fair. Wrist bands that provide unlimited rides for one day will be sold for \$20. The carnival ride wrist bands can be purchased for \$15 today and Tuesday at D & B Supply in Island City and Sunflower Books.



ANSWER MAN
DICK MASON

Are any color photographs of the World War II Victory ship named for La Grande available to the public?

Yes.

Envelopes with a color photograph of the S.S. La Grande Victory can be purchased on the Internet via eBay for about \$4.

We learned of the availability of the



Norm Paullus collection

color photograph after Norm Paullus, the City of La Grande's public works director, received one of the franked envelopes from Nicholas Richards of Gautier, Miss.

Richards, who grew up in La Grande and owns a home on Penn Avenue, sent a framed S.S. La Grande Victory envelope to Paullus to show his

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The old S.S. La Grande Victory as it appears on envelopes that can be purchased on the Internet via eBay for about \$4.

Carpentry by high schoolers will be showcased at the fair

The carpentry efforts of local high school students will be on prominent display at this year's Union County Fair, with judging slated for projects entered in Boise Cascade's "Boise Challenge" event.

The event, new to the fair, involves each of Union County's six high school FFA and shop programs. Last fall, a lumber package of products produced by Boise Cascade was delivered to each school,

with a challenge.

That challenge was to build an 8-by-10 foot structure to be displayed, judged and auctioned at the fair. With a few guidelines to follow regarding size and additional building materials, and a cap of \$500 allowed for roofing, windows and other needed building materials, the design and structure of were left to the discretion of each building team.

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DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Monday, July 30, the 212th day of 2012. There are 154 days left in the year.

In history: On July 30, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill creating a women's auxiliary agency in the Navy known as "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service" — WAVES for short.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: Current jackpot \$2.2 million
15-16-24-37-38-45

Powerball: Current jackpot \$138.9 million
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• 10 p.m.: 3-5-9-7
Pick 4: 7-27
• 1 p.m.: 1-6-0-3
• 4 p.m.: 6-0-1-9
• 7 p.m.: 4-5-1-6
• 10 p.m.: 8-2-6-0

MARKETS

Wall Street at noon:

• Dow Jones average — Down 12 at 13,063
Broader stock indicators:
• S&P 500 Index — Down 13 at 1,383
• Tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index — Down 13 at 2,945
• NYSE — Down 10 at 7,903
• Russell — Down 5 at 791
Gold and silver:
• Gold — Down \$4 at \$1,619.60
• Silver — Up 29 cents at \$28.08

GRAIN REPORT

Portland grain:
Soft white wheat — July, \$9.00; August, \$9.00; September, \$9.05
Hard red winter — July, \$9.65; August, \$9.70; September, \$9.73
Dark northern spring — July, \$10.43; August, \$10.48; September, \$10.53
Barley — August, \$220

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory."
— Albert Schweitzer

I'll be your huckleberry



Don Bar / The Observer

The whole town of North Powder was abuzz with excitement for the annual Huckleberry Festival Saturday. To celebrate the 110th anniversary of the town, several events were planned throughout the day, including a car show, a 5 and 10K run, a bicycle ride, the annual Powder Valley School alumni breakfast, a parade, a huckleberry dessert contest and the world's longest huckleberry sundae.

BIRTH

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Warren said that Moore made the right decision to pull over at the fire station because they have medical equipment there to help.

"Ryan Denis, one of the new first responders was already there and he had engaged her," said Warren. "R.D. told me, 'There's a head there.' I then took over, and three first responders were with me to assist, Ryan Denis, Paul Diacetis, and Justin Clark."

This was an exciting moment for Warren and the first responders because not long ago Warren had trained them about emergency deliveries. They knew what to do, and now they had their golden opportunity to put their training to good use.

Brittane was laying in the back seat of the car with an oversized shirt on, breathing quickly in between contrac-

tions. Warren had climbed into the cramped back seat and told Brittane he was an EMT and that he was there to help her.

Warren asked her, "Have you done this before?"

In between heavy breaths she said, "Yes this is my fourth time."

He replied, "Okay, then do what you need to do."

He accessed her stage of labor and ordered one of the first responders to "get the OB kit from the fire truck" and bring it to him.

Within seconds the baby's head was born and for a moment Warren was a little scared.

"There was a brief moment there that was kind of scary," he said, "when the baby's head comes out, and he's not breathing yet, but you know he's still hooked up to his mother so he's okay."

Warren's trained eye was waiting for that baby's first breath. "I was thinking, 'Come on, buddy, be good.

Please be good and breathe,' and then he did. It was exciting."

Warren suctioned his nose a little, and put some oxygen on him to pink him up. After his shoulders and body were born, Warren cut the cord and clamped it.

"I heard a couple of squawks from him, and that was it," said Warren. "I put him on the blanket, but really it was such a beautiful, warm day, he wasn't really cold."

Strong and alert

Austin Robert Johnson was born at 2:19 p.m., weighing four pounds five ounces and just big enough to fill Warren's two hands. Warren said the baby was strong and alert.

"He opened his eyes and looked at me, so I knew he was going to be okay," said Warren.

Meanwhile, the baby's father was standing back and out of the way as this amazing entourage of emergency medical responders assisted

his wife in delivering their fourth son.

"It was such a neat experience for me," said Warren. "I've trained for it and always hoped to have a chance to do this one day. Brittane made it so easy for us to help her. The baby was in the right position, the umbilical cord was not wrapped around the baby's neck or anything like that. It was a real easy delivery."

Looking back on his experience, he was thankful.

"I appreciated her confidence in us. She let us do our job, and she didn't threaten me even once," Warren teased. "Brittane delivered her baby, and I was there to catch him."

Shortly after Austin's birth, the La Grande Fire Department arrived on the scene and Devin Cornford took over the care of Brittane and the baby. They were then transported to the Grande Ronde Hospital for more care. Brittane stayed

at the hospital for two days and tiny Austin remained there under observation for five days.

News of Warren's emergency delivery experience spread like a grass fire.

"I can't believe how many calls I received about the delivery," said Warren. "It was almost like I was the dad or something."

His reunion with 3-week-old Austin was a real privilege too.

"We don't always hear feedback when we help someone out," said Warren. "It's not always a positive outcome, but this time was different — it was a highlight, and it makes being an EMT all worth it."

Austin's birth certificate will hereafter say "delivered by an EMT...birthplace Imbler, Oregon." Some heroes go nameless in the record and some birthplaces are rare, but to those directly involved, Forrest Warren will always be remembered.

SHIP

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appreciation for the Second Street project he directed. The project involved the reconstruction of Second Street between Spring and Penn avenues. Richards' interest in the S.S. La Grande Victory stems from his once serving in the U.S. Navy. He now works for a ship building yard.

The franked envelope he sent Paullus brings to life the tale of a Merchant Marine ship that transported supplies and troops for the U.S. military during the final months of WW II.

The S.S. La Grande Victory had an eventful 25-year

life, according to information from the Observer's archives. Its story began on Jan. 16, 1945. The ship was launched that day from the Kaiser ship-building yard in Portland.

"Victory Ship to Carry Name of La Grande to Seven Seas," read a headline in the Jan. 15, 1945, Observer.

The 10,500-ton vessel was the 399th ship launched during World War II at the Kaiser ship-building yard.

The vessel was the 47th Victory ship launched at the yard. Victory ships were supply boats built during World War II. A number of Victory ships were converted into troop ships before the end of the war. The S.S. La Grande

Victory was among them.

Like all Victory ships, the S.S. La Grande was a Merchant Marine vessel. Victory ships were protected by Naval personnel and armaments on board the vessels.

The S.S. La Grande Victory apparently was not damaged during WW II. The War Shipping Administration does not list the La Grande Victory among the ships that were damaged.

The La Grande Victory was sold to The Netherlands government in 1947. It was then renamed the S.S. Waterman. The ship was converted in 1951 into an emigrant carrier that could accommodate 900 people, according to the book "Troop Ships of World War II" by

Roland W. Charles.

The Waterman transported emigrants to Australia, New Zealand and made several North Atlantic voyages to New York.

The ship in 1963 was sold to John S. Latsis of Greece. Latsis renamed the ship the Margarita and used it to transport tourists in the eastern Mediterranean, Charles wrote.

The ship, which may have survived attacks from the Japanese during World War II, ironically met its end in Japan. The vessel was scrapped in Onomichi in Japan in 1970.

Rafter, 16, dies on North Umpqua River

ROSEBURG (AP) — A 16-year-old girl drowned in a rafting accident on the North Umpqua River.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office says Nichole Pomeroy of Bend became trapped in debris under water after a raft carrying seven people capsized.

Everyone else in the raft

made it to shore.

Sheriff's spokesman Dwes Hutson says the rafters wore life jackets, but Pomeroy's apparently came off in the water.

The News-Review reports it was difficult for deputies and Douglas County firefighters to recover the body. They called a construc-

tion company for help, and a worker used a chain saw to cut through an underwater tree trunk.

Weekly Construction will assist again Monday, using heavy equipment that will require shutting down at least one lane of Highway 138 East.

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Acton, Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway
Daily 12:30, 3:30, 7:30

ICE AGE 4: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG)
Animated family film
Daily 1:00(2), 4:30, 7:00, 9:10(2)

What's Cooking ?
by Sandy Sorrels of
TEN DEPOT STREET

High energy piano player **Brady Goss** is performing at **Ten Depot Street** tomorrow evening August 31 at 8:00. Brady, who is now in his early twenties, performed several times at Ten Depot while a young teen, amazing the audiences with his skills at the piano. Raised in Wallowa by a father who played the piano and loved Jerry Lee Lewis, Brady's attachment to the piano started at an early age.

Brady continues to get even better. I listened to his new CD which he recorded at Sun Studios in Memphis (you can hear it on his web site) and just loved it. Don't miss Brady this Tuesday night. It will brighten your week.

Thursday, August 2, the **Dakota Brown Band** from Pendleton is playing pop, rock and soul originals. The Dakota Brown Band played this past winter at our **First Tuesday Open Mic**. They were so good that

we invited them back. Others in the band besides Dakota Brown are Lake Basile, Mike Kellison and Tucker Murphy. The music starts at 8:00.

My apricot tree has produced another record crop this year which I am still in the process of picking. You can look forward to apricot desserts including my favorite, **Apricot Almond Crunch Pie**.

Ten Depot Street continues Summer Salad Specials this week with an Asian Chicken Salad, chopped garden fresh vegetables and grilled chicken breast with a tangy fresh ginger dressing for just \$9.95.

It looks like the weather will be sunny and warm all week. Our Blue Plate Special this week is a good summer meal for take-out. But if you want to escape the evening heat for a while, it is also good out in the restaurant.

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Sat: New York Steak \$19.95

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I, Shawn Turley, had a huge lapse of judgment and made a series of horrible decisions. I proceeded to trespass on the old Renegade building downtown and throw bricks from the top of the roof down into the street. I was sentenced to 40 hours of community service, received an alcohol evaluation, no admittance to bars and no possession of alcohol. I caused damage to the street and property but even worse I defaced a local historic icon. Our buildings are an amazing staple to the character of our downtown atmosphere. I'm deeply sorry and am paying for my actions. I also express my sincere apologies to Jim Rygg for all the trouble and inconvenience I know I have caused you. Take pride in your town, don't take away from it.

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Handful of horns



Brad Mosher/The Observer

Mike Garver of Elgin helps pack up the antlers after Saturday's successful auction concluded at the Hot Lake RV Resort. By all accounts, the antler auction was a resounding success. Along with some private individuals, 10 antler buyers participated in the auction. A total of 1,950 pounds of antlers was purchased for \$18,721. Craig Droke, from Union, purchased more than three-fourths of the antlers. The antlers brought nearly \$9 a pound — counting a large pile of white, cracked antlers and some broken stuff.

Calf attacked by wolves

ODFW confirms injuries wolf-caused

By Katy Nesbitt
The Observer

A calf found Thursday afternoon was confirmed Friday morning to have been wounded by wolves. The calf was still alive today, but may have to be euthanized later due to the extent of his injuries.

Luke Morgan of the Grouse Creek Ranch said he moved cattle about a mile up a road near the Imnaha River between noon and 1 p.m. Thursday. About 5 p.m., a calf came back to his cow camp bawling and injured with his mother cow behind him, said Rod Childers, Oregon Cattlemen's Association wolf committee chairman.

Within an hour the calf, who was wounded on his back legs, was investigated by both a USDA Wildlife Service's agent and an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist. They agreed that the injuries were wolf-caused.

The calf was injured mid-

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— Fred Steen

day, which is unusual for experienced, adult wolves.

Scott Shear, supervisor of the range rider program, said that Grouse Creek, Lick Creek, and adjacent, forested areas are regularly patrolled as well as the edges of the Wallowa Valley.

It is unknown if the Imnaha pack, implicated in cattle deaths on the Grouse Creek Ranch last winter, was in the vicinity at the time of the wounding because radio

collar information is not yet available, said Bruce Eddy, Fish and Wildlife Northeast Oregon Region Manager. There are other, uncollared, yet documented wolves nearby including the Snake River pack.

Eddy said while downloads from the Imnaha pack's alpha male's global positioning collar aren't always immediately available for the livestock producers, the department is looking into additional aid that can be provided to them.

Wallowa County Sheriff Fred Steen was not available to go on the investigation, but he has been briefed.

"Half the West is burning up, Harney County has been devastated by fire, there is drought in the Midwest, corn prices are through the roof, cattle prices are taking a hit — all we need is another predator in the midst to damage agriculture production," Steen said.

CONTEST

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A variety of structures have taken shape with the creative minds of students and the guidance on instructors and high school officials.

From playhouses to chicken coops, the buildings will be on display at Boise Cascade's "Building Communities" subdivision which will be located on the east side of the livestock barn. The public is encouraged to stop by and take a look.

Paul Anderes, shop teacher and FFA adviser, heads up the La Grande High School project and has overseen the building of a storage shed

"We wouldn't have gotten the building experience without the lumber donated by Boise Cascade."

— Jason Palmer,
Elgin High School

chicken coop. J.D. Cant, shop and science teacher and FFA adviser at Imbler High, has guided the shop class in the creation of a child's playhouse, and students from Union High School, under the direction of FFA adviser Dennis Clark, have constructed a new ticket booth that will be donated to the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show.

Elgin High School, with

the guidance of FFA advisor and teacher Brent Carroll, will show off a playhouse, while students from North Powder, directed by advisor and teacher Shawn Brown, focused their sights on a hunting lodge on wheels.

To round out the building competition, Cove High School students will display their chicken coop entry, which will return to the school after the fair to be used in the poultry production program.

Students from all six schools along with their advisors have expressed appreciation to Boise Cascade for providing the learning experience.

"We wouldn't have gotten

the building experience without the lumber donated by Boise Cascade," said Jason Palmer of Elgin High.

Bob Wiles, co-owner of WC Construction, and J.D. Standley of Dream Builders will be on hand Tuesday evening to determine the winner of the building competition.

The buildings will be judged on design, quality of construction, use of provided materials, and durability.

Four of the buildings will be offered to the highest bidder during the fair's livestock auction 5 p.m. Saturday. The auction money raised for each building will be paid directly to the school's shop program.

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Mudslide cuts Weston drinking water

WESTON (AP) — People in the Eastern Oregon city of Weston were without drinking water over the weekend.

The East Oregonian newspaper reports a mudslide early Saturday took out a section of the city water main.

The problem is expected to be fixed Monday.

It's the third time this year the Umatilla County city has been without drinking water.

The city shut off water in mid-April to replace a leaking 40-foot section of the water main damaged in March when Smith Frozen Foods installed a pump, and water surged into the connected city pipes.

Another break in March

left seven houses without water for three days. City officials say the latest slide was caused by a leaking

14-inch pipe that services Smith Frozen Foods.

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Dry Fork Hired Hands
FRI., AUGUST 3 2:00 PM
Mark Stratton & Lost Creek Road
FRI., AUGUST 3 7:30 PM
Brady Goss
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A proper punishment

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But they're necessary.

Absolutely, unequivocally necessary.

Penn State loses 40 scholarships for football players over four years.

The team is banned from playing in a bowl game for the same span.

(The former punishment might well render the latter irrelevant, since many teams with a full complement of scholarships fail to qualify for bowl games.)

These penalties are unfair in this one sense: Student-athletes, coaches and others who are associated with the program, or who would like to be, but who had nothing to do with the cover up of former coach Jerry Sandusky's serial sex abuse, will suffer as a result.

That's unfortunate.

But there are cases in which crimes, and the attempt to protect the criminal, are so heinous that the resulting punishment must, as the military saying goes, lead to some collateral damage.

The Sandusky case is one of those.

We trust that the justice system will deal with Sandusky and those who covered for him.

But the NCAA, in our estimation, had no choice but to severely curtail Penn State's ability to continue to profit from the young men who don the school's football uniform.

It simply isn't possible to punish the university to the extent it deserves without also having a negative effect on innocent players and coaches.

That negative effect shouldn't be exaggerated, though.

It's a pity, of course, that players who grew up hoping to take the field for the Nittany Lions will have their dream dashed.

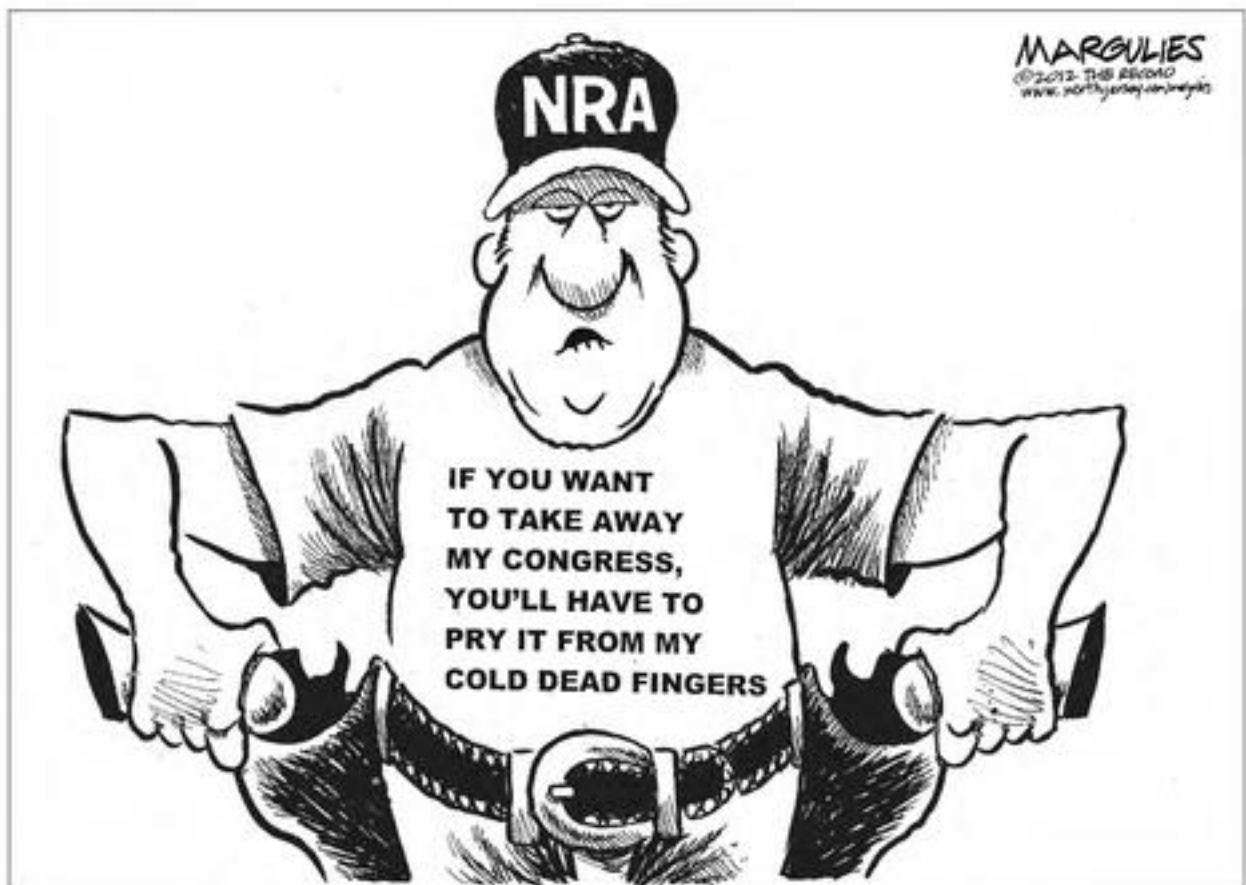
But that seems hardly an inconvenience compared to the trauma that Sandusky's victims, some of whom shared that very dream, suffered.

Besides which, there are 119 other universities with football teams competing in the same NCAA division (the Football Bowl Subdivision) as Penn State. It's not as if the players who either are denied a scholarship to Penn State due to cutbacks, or who decide to transfer because of the bowl game ban, don't have other options for pursuing a football career.

At least they have alternatives.

Sandusky's victims didn't.

And neither, in trying to deal with the terrible mess that Sandusky and his enablers left, did the NCAA have any choice but to prescribe a heavy dose of disinfectant.



Obama needs Main Street, too

WILLIAM MCKENZIE

All along, I've felt Barack Obama would be a two-term president. He's a cultural phenomenon who reflects America's exciting, growing diversity, and presidents representing social shifts usually don't bottom out after one term. Plus, he's charismatic with an engaging family. Those attributes matter.

But if the president loses in November, which is now plausible, it will be because he fails to show enough appreciation for Americans who are making it economically. This is probably one reason only 41 percent of Americans think he's the best candidate to handle the economy's challenges, according to last week's New York Times poll. (Forty-nine percent think Mitt Romney would do a better job.)

Please, Obama's no socialist. Those who think he is are making the same mistake as did those who believed George W. Bush wasn't smart. They misread the man.

But the president keeps sending the wrong signals on this subject. The latest example is his ill-advised remark about government enabling businesses to succeed as a result of providing good teachers, building roads and inventing the Internet. Yes, government helps, but this emphasis on Washington over Main Street could haunt Obama.

This point was driven home by a guy I met on a recent vacation. He once leased yachts, but he said he lost that job because people with money began hiding out. They fear getting taxed too much.

Not in a million years do I think that guy — or many of his former customers — would vote for Obama. But his

central point is one the president's re-election camp should consider: People with money fear what will happen to them under an administration that talks a lot about taking from its citizens rather than talking about helping them make it on their own. As a result, investors and corporations are largely sitting on the sidelines, not pumping up the economy with substantial investments.

The Wall Street Journal reported last week on how some upper-middle class voters in the swing state of Colorado view the president and his policies. What struck me was how those upper-middle classes who favored Obama in 2008 were waffling or leaving him because of his economic views. Said one frustrated 2008 backer:

"Obama never talks about us. He's not doing anything for people who are working hard and keeping the economy running. We're being punished for good behavior."

Regardless of whether you think those who invest and create jobs engage in good behavior, they do stimulate the economy. If Obama alienates too many of them, he not only will limit the economy's recovery, he will limit his chances.

Earlier this year in Dallas Jeb Bush summarized the divide this way: Is your emphasis on punishing those who have made it economically or on equipping people who aspire to a better life?

As with all bright line statements, there can be exceptions and nuance. But Bush was largely right.

Notice how much time the president spends talking about the Warren Buffett rule, about taxing the rich and about the greed of some Americans. He certainly hit those themes last December when he launched his "fighting populism" campaign during a Kansas speech.

Yes, the prosperous can mistakenly think they are entitled to every single dime of their wealth. And they can succumb to a false prosperity gospel: If you're making a ton, you must be good. They forget, as George H.W. Bush declared in his inaugural address, we are not the sum of our possessions.

Still, how one views economic success is a big dividing line this year. It's an undercurrent even within Democratic circles, surfacing when Democrats such as Newark Mayor Cory Booker were taken aback by Obama's anti-Bain advertising.

The president undeniably wants to see jobs created, and he knows it takes those with sufficient financial means to grow employment. But if he wants to get investors off the sidelines — not to mention help himself win re-election — he needs to start speaking in a way Main Street understands.

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Your views

County commission seat should stay partisan post

In responding to Terry Edvalson's letter promoting the agenda for non partisan county commissioner, I would have to strongly disagree with him. A non-partisan commissioner's position would only water down the field and split the vote. This would only be good for the minority party, but not beneficial for Union County.

The two party system has served us well and nothing in our current system keeps any party from petitioning and running candidates for county commissioner in the primary or general election. Terry stated that a partisan primary limits choice of candidates to a particular party as if that's a bad thing. I see this as a very good thing. When a candidate runs for office as a member of a particular party, he or she is evaluated on that party's platform. The platform communicates

valuable information and gives a comparison of where the candidate stands in relation to the foundations of the party. This is good for the voters in both parties and helps them in making good and educated decisions.

A non partisan commissioner's position would allow candidates to enter the race without revealing information on issues critical to established party principles. This serves neither party's interests. As a strong conservative Republican, I want the best

candidate that represents the ideals of the party as I would think the Democrats would also. As it stands, any candidate can run in their own party, switch parties, stage a write in campaign or run as an independent in the general election.

To assert that non-partisan elections would afford voters more opportunity or that it discourages voter participation is disingenuous at best and there is no data to back it up. If voters feel slighted, they are free to change party

affiliation in order to vote in the primary for the candidate of their choosing.

The Union County Republican Central Committee executive board believes that the office of County Commissioner should remain a partisan position. It would be a disservice to Union County voters and to the Republican platform to do otherwise.

Greg Barreto

Chair
Union County Republican
Central Committee

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MILESTONES

Thew

Imogene Thew will be 100 years old this fall. Her family is planning two celebrations. The first will be Saturday at the Cove Sportsman's Club beginning at 11 a.m. This party will have most of her living relatives attending, with some coming from as far away as Michigan and Los Angeles. Friends are welcome to drop in also. It may also be more convenient for her friends to attend the second celebration on Sept. 16 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, La Grande, following the 10 a.m. service, around 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Richard and Kathy Thew at 541-568-4713.



Submitted photo
Imogene Thew will be celebrating her 100th birthday.

Beery

Theresa Marie (Rawolf) and William Walter Beery, of La Grande, will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple was married on Aug. 18, 1962, in La Grande.

The family will be hosting a reception on Aug. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the parish hall of Our Lady of the Valley. Additionally, the family celebrated at Wallowa Lake July 7-10 and the couple will be going on a cruise to Alaska from Aug. 4-11.

The couple has six children: Greg (Holli) of Happy Valley, Rick (Ann) of Pasco, Wash., Bob (Katie) of Boise, Idaho, Jeff (April) of Boise, Stephanie (Michael) Janigan of Waterford, Mich., and Brian of Irvine, Calif.



Submitted photos
The Beerys will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Nicassio

Noah William Nicassio was born July 7 to Andrea and Matthew Nicassio of Independence, Ore. Noah weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Dodie Beck of Wallowa and Gerry Martin of Enterprise. Maternal great grandparents are Herb and Ilene Beck of Elk, Wash., and the late Vandon and Noma Martin of Enterprise. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Kathy Nicassio of Dallas, Ore. Paternal great grandparents are Jerry and Maria Nicassio of Placencia, Calif. and Bob and Bobbie Brashear of Azalea, Ore.

Switzer

Nolan Reed Switzer

was born to Tia Switzer, formerly of La Grande, and Rob Switzer, formerly of Ontario on July 5.

He was born at 9:39 a.m. and weighed 8 pounds and 12 ounces. His grandparents are Mike and Debbie Lowe, of La Grande; Kathy and Les Bertalotto of Vale and Bob Switzer of Boise, Idaho.

Normandy

Maddison Mae Normandy was born on July 20 to Lacey and Donald Normandy of Elgin.

She was born at 12:44 p.m. and weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce. Her grandparents are Barbara Normandy of La Grande, Terry Normandy of Salem, Connie Albee of Keizer and Don Anglin of

Mississippi.

Presley

Madison Leigh Presley was born on July 19 to Katelyn and Cody Presley of La Grande. She was born at 11:09 p.m. and weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces. Her grandparents are Albin and Chris Presley of La Grande and Rebecca Ambrose of Los Angeles.

Lowe

Elle Mae Lowe was born to Lori and Ben Lowe of Lehi, Utah on July 11. She was born at 5:35 p.m. and weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces. Her grandparents are Lee and Edith Lowe of Imbler and Stephen and Claudette Barratt of Highland, Utah.

OBITUARIES

Eugene Parker

La Grande
1924-2012

Eugene Robert Parker, 88, of La Grande, died at a friend's home in Cove on Wednesday, July 25. Memorial services were on Sunday, July 29 at the Grace Bible Church. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.



Parker

Gene was born March 8, 1924, in Sioux City, Iowa, to his parents Horace Morin and Bessie Sangage Morin. He lived in Orange, Calif., before moving to La Grande, and was employed as a civil engineer in commercial construction until his retirement. Gene married Helen Cherney. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Navy in the Philippines. Gene enjoyed cooking, gardening, and reading. He enjoyed his association with the senior center and helping serve the patrons.

Surviving are his wife Helen Parker of La Grande, two sons, Greg Parker of California and Mark Parker of Texas; two step children, Kim Schmidt of California and Carrie (Mike) Spalione of Idaho; sister Ardith (Fred) McBride of Nevada, 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Gene's memory may be made to the La Grande Senior Center, in care of Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 Fourth St., La Grande OR 97850.

Grant Saunders

Cove
Grant K. Saunders, 87, of Cove, died on Sunday, July 29, at the Grande Ronde Hospital. A full obituary will be published at a later time. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Evelyn Wilhelm

Imbler
Evelyn Arlene Wilhelm, age 84, of Imbler died Sunday morning at her home. Arrangements will be announced later by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Laurence Lewin

La Grande
1918-2012

Laurence David Lewin, of

La Grande, died at his residence on Thursday, July 26. He was 93 years old. At his request, there will be no services. Loveland Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Larry was born Dec. 26, 1918, in Warrenton. His parents were Don David Lewin and Gertrude Frances Richardson Lewin. He spent much of his life in Wenatchee, where he owned and operated the Windmill Restaurant. He also owned orchards in Wenatchee. Larry was also employed during his life as a fireman and salesman. He loved the outdoors and wildlife. He enjoyed walking and reading. Larry served his country as a sergeant in the Air Corps as an instructor gunner. He married Wilma Mae Dobbins who has preceded him in death.

Larry is survived by his sister and her husband, La Don and Jack Evers of La Grande. He is preceded in death by his parents Don and Gertrude Lewin and his wife Wilma Mae Lewin.

Memorial donations in memory of Larry may be made to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center at their website <http://www.fhcc.org/en/how-to-help.html> or mail your donation to PO Box 19024, Seattle WA 98109.

Zelma Fay Heller

Lostine
Zelma Fay Heller, 71, of Lostine, died Tuesday, July 24. Services will be held Friday, Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. at Kloster Funeral Home in Marengo, Iowa. A full obituary will follow later.

James Justice

Enterprise
1917-2012
James "George" Justice died at Alpine House in Joseph on Monday, July 23. Justice was born on Dec. 4, 1917, 12 miles north of Enterprise in Leap Country to James and Amanda Justice. They moved to Enterprise in 1922. He attended the Enterprise School, graduating in 1936.

He served as president of the IGA chapter, student body president and was state FFA president. He played basketball, football and baseball. He attended Oregon State in 1937-38.

After college he married

Pearl Weathers Haggerty in 1939. Their son Jerome was born in 1940. That same year, he went to work for the county road department, starting as a truck driver, bridge crew helper and ditch digger. He then advanced to shop mechanic and up to shop foreman.

In 1944, he entered the Army. He was a Sergeant, tec. 4, with the 6th Combat Battalion. He went to basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and mortar school. Later he went to Fort Benning, Ga., for advanced mortar school. He served in the Philippines and South Korea. He was discharged in 1946.

Upon returning home, Justice went back to work for the county road department until July 1950, serving the last two years as county road master. Then he bought the Western Gamb Store (later Western Auto) with his partner Ray Johnson. He and Pearl bought Johnson out in 1953. Pearl contracted cancer in 1964 and died in 1967.

In November 1968, Justice married Dorothy Coats. During their time together, he worked a few years as the Wallowa County appraiser, later retiring. Dorothy died in 1993.

Justice like to golf, hunt, fish and go mushrooming with Dorothy. He also served on the Enterprise City Council, as the Exalted Ruler of the Enterprise Elks Lodge, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, life member BPOE #1829, AF-AM life member, and VFW Post 4307 life member.

In later years, he had Beverly Homan as his companion and enjoyed many happy times with her and her family. He lived in Alpine House the last 4 1/2 years of his life.

Survivors include his daughter Lana and husband J.R.; three granddaughters Andrea Nice, Amy Ogden and Tara Justice; five great-grandchildren and great-great-grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests donations to Wallowa County Home Health or the American Cancer Society.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 31, at 11 a.m. at the Community Church in Enterprise with interment and military honors at the Enterprise Cemetery.

The Observer publishes free obituaries as a community service. Obituaries are edited to fit news guidelines. Photos are encouraged. Paid space is available for families who would like to include more information.

Send us your Community item

Deadline: Noon Thursday

Forms: The Observer front desk has wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth forms.

Wedding: Item must run within six months of the ceremony.

Anniversary: 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 50th or more.

Birthday: Know of a Union or Wallowa county resident turning 75 or older? Let us know the date, time and place of the celebration and send a recent, good-quality photo.

Where Are They Now? Know someone who has moved away and what he or she is doing? Word limit: 200. Include a good-quality photo.

Community scrapbook: The Observer can't get to every event in Union and Wallowa counties. But we can make space available for those groups that take photos of their events and gatherings.

Reach us:
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Questions?
Call 541-963-3161.

Extension office open half day during fair

The Oregon State University County Extension office, located at the Ag Service Center, will be open mornings only, Aug. 1-3 from 8 a.m. to noon. The public is encouraged to visit the OSU Extension booth at the Union County Fair in the Commercial Building to sign up for a great raffle and to receive help with their questions. For more information, call 541-963-1010.

Price for mobile fun unit decreased

The La Grande Parks and Recreation Department Mobile Fun Unit will be half price for the rest of the summer. It is now only \$12.50. For site information and times, please call Minnie Tucker at the parks and recreation department at 541-962-1352, ext 201 or mtucker@cityoflagrande.org

Cleanup and hike planned for Wednesday

Hells Canyon Preservation Council invites you to a short hike and weed event close to La Grande during the cooler evening temperatures.

We will be digging Scotch thistle plants and enjoying views of the Grande Ronde Valley and nearby mountains.

The Deal Canyon road leaves the edge of La Grande and climbs into the adjacent foothills. Parts of the route are steep.

Please wear long sleeves, hiking shoes, and bring leather work gloves and your favorite digging implement. HCPC will provide garbage bags and extra shovels. This event is not appropriate for young children.

Meet Wednesday at the corner of M Avenue and Aspen Drive at 7 p.m. The activity will take about 1 1/2 hours. For more information or to sign-up contact Brian Kelly by phone 541-963-3950 ext. 4 or email at brian@hellscanyon.org.

HONORS

UNION HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following students were named to Union High School's second semester honor roll.

Grade 7
Dolanie Kohr, Kortnee Marriott, Kordale Nowak, Wade Rynearson, Brett Baxter, Rylee Montgomery, Quinn Evans, Kathryn Sheehy, Jayson Blackburn, Gabriel Nordstrom, Klancy Poor.

Grade 8
Brielle Wells, Jaiden Wright, Chase Stewart, Katrina Richard, Trevor Verhelst, Cheyenne Pulsipher, Aaron Clark, Harris Ladey, Amber Soliz, Scott Yeager.

Grade 9
Ryann Alexander, Emma Sheehy, Maggie Sheehy, Bayly Poor, Carsyn Roberts, Hannah Kast, Keesha Sarman, Viktoria

McCabe, Chelsie Houck, Justin Graves, Jordan Alexander.

Grade 10
Cory Andrews, Daniel Colton, Madeline Martens, McKenzie Evans, Riley Sheehy, Cortin Nowak, Zachary Wyllie, Katriel O'Reilly.

Grade 11
Shikira Yeager, Chandra Warren, Brooke Stewart, Tyler Baxter, Amber Fiorito, Dani Sturm, Kaleb Poor, Kelsey Valenta, Brock Benedict, Elena Baird, Kaci Langford.

Grade 12
Meredith Matthews, Elizabeth Sheehy, Brianna Bunkers, Jordan Lineback, Michael O'Reilly, Kathryn Hepler, Taylor Sarman, Celena Helfer, Alexis Kirby, Caci Sipp, Emma Stockhoff, Ariel Schleichardt, Nicole Roberts.

WISH LIST

Local nonprofit human service organizations often need donations of specific items or volunteers. Wish List items are updated every month. Anyone who would like to volunteer or make donations should contact the agency directly.

Shelter from the Storm 541-963-7226

Educational/skill building toys
New large skillet and new large pot
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Donations Unlimited 541-963-2282

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Adult socks
Towels and blankets
CD players, washers, dryers
Crockpots, toasters, microwaves

LOCAL BRIEFING

From staff reports

4-H Fair exhibits due today, Tuesday

Union County Fair 4-H station home ec exhibits must be turned in today from 4 to 6 p.m. (no foods exhibits) or Tuesday from 8 to 10 a.m. (including foods exhibits) in the 4-H Exhibit building on the fairgrounds.

La Grande VFW having annual picnic

The La Grande VFW Post 2990 and auxiliary will have their monthly meeting at Riverside Park, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. This will also be the post's annual picnic for members and guests. Members are asked to bring a potluck item to share. For questions, call Carole at 541-963-8595.

Line dancing Wednesday at senior center

There will be line dancing today at the Union County Senior Center at 1:30 p.m., and at the VFW in Union at 6 p.m. Also, on Wednesday dancing will be at the La Grande Senior Center at 6 p.m. For info, call Cheryl at 541-910-0433.



PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE POLICE

Burglary: An employee of Zion Lutheran Church requested officer contact Friday regarding a burglary. An officer responded and took a report.

Vandalism: An employee of the Sundowner mobile home court requested officer contact Friday regarding criminal mischief. An officer was advised.

Arrested: Valerie Elizabeth Sheline, 21, La Grande, was arrested Friday on a Union County warrant charging three counts of theft in the first degree. An officer was advised. Sheline was also charged with possession of a controlled substance/Schedule III drug.

Larceny: Dispatch received a report Friday about a theft in progress at an address on Union Junction Lane in Union. A deputy responded and took a report.

Suspicious circumstances: Dispatch received a report of a possible gunshot Friday in the 2600 block of Spruce Street. An officer responded but was unable to locate anything.

Larceny: A business in the 100 block of Fir Street requested officer contact Friday regarding a shoplifter. An officer responded and took a report for theft in the third degree and possession of a controlled substance/less than an ounce of marijuana.

Vandalism: An officer responded to a report of vandalism Friday at an address in the 1600 block of Twenty First Street.

Arrested: Shane Patrick Nelson, 36, La Grande, was arrested Friday on a parole and probation detainer.

Larceny: A citizen in the 700 block of Adams Avenue requested officer contact Friday regarding a stolen bicycle. An officer responded and took a report.

Disturbance: Dispatch received a report Friday about a domestic disturbance at an address in the 1200 block of Y Avenue. An officer responded.

Suspicious circumstances: Dispatch on Friday received a request for a welfare check on a male subject who kept falling down as he walked in the 1100 block of W Avenue. An officer responded and the subject was given a ride home.

Disturbance: Officers responded early Saturday to a report of a disturbance in the parking lot of Grande Ronde Hospital. The situation was resolved.

Trespass: Dispatch received a report Saturday of possible trespassers at Riverside Park. An officer responded and logged information.

Trespass: A man at an address in the 200 block of 12th Street requested officer contact Friday regarding a trespass. An officer responded and one subject was issued a citation charging criminal trespass in the first degree.

Crash: An officer responded to a report of a no-injury motor vehicle crash Saturday at N Avenue and Sixth Street. The situation was resolved.

Extra patrol: A woman at an address in the 1800 block of Fourth Street requested officer contact Saturday regarding an attempted break-in. An officer responded and

extra patrol was provided.

Agency assist: An officer assisted an ambulance with a call Sunday in the 1500 block of Adams Avenue.

Disturbance: An officer responded to a report of domestic disturbance Sunday in the 2300 block of Q Avenue. The disturbance was determined to be verbal only.

Larceny: A citizen in the 1400 block of Adams Avenue requested officer contact Sunday regarding the theft of mail. An officer responded.

Larceny: A citizen in the 1800 block of Fourth Street Sunday reported that her bike was stolen. An officer made contact and took a report.

Disturbance: Officers responded to a report of a possible domestic distur-

Disturbance: Dispatch received a report Friday about a disturbance at Anthony Lakes. A deputy responded. The Baker County Sheriff's Office was notified and sent two deputies. The situation was resolved.

Larceny: The U.S. Forest Service Saturday reported the theft of two pay boxes near Jubilee Lake. A deputy responded and will follow up.

Arrested: Daniel Michael Stewart, 41, address unavailable, was arrested Saturday on a Union County warrant charging theft in the third degree.

Arrested: Paul Leo Smith, 36, La Grande, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while suspended/misdemeanor.

Disturbance: Officers responded to a report of possible domestic disturbance Saturday in the 2800 block of Oak Street. The situation was resolved.

Suspicious circumstances: Officers responded to a report of possible gunshots Saturday in the 2800 block of Second Street. The officers were unable to locate anything.

Larceny: A woman at an address on Wolf Creek Lane in North Powder Sunday reported the theft of a handgun. A deputy made contact and took a report.

Vandalism: A man in the 500 block of South Fourth Street in Union requested deputy contact Sunday regarding his car being egged. A deputy made contact and extra patrol was to be provided.

LA GRANDE FIRE AND AMBULANCE

La Grande Fire and Ambulance responded to six medical calls Friday, nine on Saturday and six on Sunday.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Agency assist: A deputy assisted Parole and Probation Friday at an address in the 2800 block of Fourth Street.

A berry long sundae



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GARDEN GUIDE
JENNIE HAGEN

Sharing a sad story

The old farmhouse where her own children, and eventually numerous foster children, were raised still stood, although now surrounded by apartments and mobile home complexes.

The raspberry patch had many years past been scraped out by a backhoe running new sewer lines, the fruit trees unceremoniously cut down and burned to make way for new driveways. The old pink rose, after untold ages growing over the garage, fell to development, never to make rose hips again. But by then she had moved, never to return to the fresh scars that hid beautiful memories of the past. She would simply garden where she could and how she could. Growing things, like fresh dirt under her fingernails, is what gardeners look forward to. It shows us just how immensely we are connected to the earth under our feet.

She moved to La Grande to be near caring family. The acre corn patch would now be replaced by tomatoes in pots on her small deck or by the driveway, strawberries in a hanging pot, and gifts of orchids from those who loved her would sit by the window. Birds were fed and squirrels chased, a chair on the deck would give her quiet solitude to reflect on a life well-lived. Special plants made the trip as well and grew vigorously as if to say yes, we're still here, thank you for bringing us. Like old friends, they only get better with age.

But as with all Garden Guides, the lesson here to share is that gardeners are an honest lot. We tend to be sharers, not takers. So for the ones who decided in the quiet of night to take all of the old lady's tomatoes, I honestly do hope you enjoyed them.

They were grown with warmth and love, which always makes things taste better, and would have been gladly shared had she known you were hungry. It's just the way she was.

Of course we gave her some to replace the ones taken, but it wasn't the same. It seems the ones we grow ourselves just taste better. And what better exercise then to go outside and quietly bend over to sample a fresh tomato or two. That, too, is what keeps gardeners going and growing, little bits of horticultural therapy on a daily basis.

Like the dirt under our fingernails, it reminds us of our connection with all things living. It's a good feeling and one we love to share, like ripe tomatoes.

If your zucchini are rotting on the vine, chances are your overhead watering is to blame. Squash, or any of the melon family, resent having their blossom cups filled with water, not only does this destroy the pollen, but it can lead to rotting or stunted growth of the fruit.

Try to water from underneath the blossoms — water-wands are perfect for this. Don't forget to break up the top layer of soil around your plants from time to time prior to watering; most soils in this area will get a crust on top when it dries out and won't readily absorb the water. Water should soak in immediately. If it doesn't, you'll need to add some mulch or fully composted material to accelerate the absorption rate.

And now with our hot days you simply must remember to fertilize! While our gardens thrive in the heat, this is also the time of year when they are needing to be fed.

And so, until next time, I hope you are enjoying your garden as much as I am mine. Excuse me now, please, I have apricots to make into jam.

TODAY'S RECIPES

- Aperol orange soda, 2B
- Herbes de Provence lemonade, 2B
- Blue cheese wafers, 2B
- Grilled figs with pancetta, lemon and rosemary, 2B

The Evolution of a Garden

'I'm always digging'

■ Over 20 years, Nancy Duncan Berdahl has transformed her Baker City yard into a showcase



The delicate blossoms of the yucca add variety to Nancy Berdahl's backyard garden in Baker City.

Lisa Britton
For the Baker City Herald

By Lisa Britton
For the Baker City Herald

The gurgling water, the soft green of Virginia creeper climbing a fence, a spiky plant with exotic white flowers ... this is where Nancy Duncan Berdahl likes to be.

It wasn't always this peaceful of a place. "It's something I've been working on for 20 years. It was nothing," she says.

The backyard is small, tucked between close neighbors on Valley Avenue near downtown Baker City.

When she moved in nearly 20 years ago, the yard was dirt, with just a swath of raspberry plants.

The raspberries came out, and grass went in.

But the grass has made way for beds of perennials.

"I'm always digging — the lawn keeps getting smaller," Nancy says with a smile.

She prefers perennials, which come back every year, over annuals.

"Except for that one pot of petunias," she says, pointing to a pot of purple flowers.

The backyard doesn't have a lot of bright blooms, but you can find almost every shade of green.

"It's mostly a foliage garden," she says.

Nancy started with

"I'm always digging. The lawn keeps getting smaller. It's mostly a foliage garden."

— Nancy Duncan Berdahl

potentilla bushes, which she transplanted from her parents' place.

And along with those came some little sedum plants. These ornamentals are succulents, and require little water or maintenance.

Which is her kind of gardening.

"I don't have to mess with them and don't have to water them," she says.

She's tucked sedum varieties all over this backyard — in clay pots, hollowed logs and rock crevices — and let them spread.

She rarely finds a weed, and says landscape cloth is the secret.

And Nancy doesn't have a fancy automatic watering system.

"I have a watering pot and a hose."

Her favorite plant in this backyard is one more common in the Southwest — yucca, which has pointy green leaves close to the ground and flowers from a spiky stalk.

A lot of the landscaping wasn't planned — the Oregon grape came up along the fence, and she



Lisa Britton/For the Baker City Herald

Nancy Duncan Berdahl was confronted with a patch of dirt and a few raspberry bushes when she moved into her Baker City home 20 years ago. Today her property is a peaceful and colorful mixture of mainly perennial plants.

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Berdahl uses sedum, a low-growing succulent, to fill in hollowed logs and rock crevices in her garden.



thinks the delicate vine in a corner is a wild dematis.

Other features are sentimental. Nancy planted two pussy willows because she remembers those from camping trips in the High Sierras.

"I loved the pussy willow. And they grow fast."

(They're also very messy, she says.)

She likes to recycle, too — the sturdy archway is one she made herself by weaving sticks that fell out of her tree.

Walkways wind through the beds, some made with round stepping stones and bark, others with square steps and tiny rocks.

A hammock in the back and chairs on the patio beckon visitors to sit and enjoy the landscaping.

Which she does. "As much as I can," she says. "Our season to sit outside is so short."



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Walkways (above, right) wind through the flower beds in Berdahl's yard. She prefers perennials, including sedum, at left.



Refreshing summer sipping — with an edge

By Wendell Brock
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

In ancient times, our parents would dissolve a sugar cube with bitters, and add whiskey, ice and a twist of orange zest. That was an Old Fashioned. When in Rome, they did as the Romans did, sipping aperitifs concocted from brightly colored liqueurs and soda.

Today, young moderns are embracing light, spritz, aperitif-based drinks as pre-dinner pick-me-ups — libations to perk up the palate before the food and wine come around. On a recent scorching afternoon at Stg Trattoria in Buckhead, I held a glass of orange fizzy water in my hand, marveled at the pretty color, took a sip and fell in love.

Thus my new obsession with mixologist David Durnell's Aperol Orange Soda, so named for the bright-red, bittersweet, Campari-like Italian liqueur that is its main ingredient. Invented by Durnell, bartender at Stg's sister restaurant, Bocado, the Aperol Orange harks back to the American Old Fashioned. The slight edge of Aperol and orange bitters is tempered by an equal amount of simple syrup and lemon juice — plus a big glug of soda water, preferably Italian. A strip of orange zest finishes it off.

The sparkling water has a natural cooling effect. Hold the drink close to your face and it will mist you. For me, it is summer in a glass.

So is lemonade, iced tea, a mixture of the two, or anything concocted with copious amounts of ice, lemon, lime, sugar and mint. Lately I have discovered that lemonade has an affinity with herbes of Provence, the mixture of dried Mediterranean herbs that usually includes rosemary and lavender. By infusing simple syrup with the perfume of herbs and a



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Herbes de Provence Lemonade, that classic summer sipper, gets a Mediterranean makeover with an infusion of dried herbs from sunny Provence.

hint of vanilla bean, you introduce the classic American sipper to the sunny flavors of France. (Bon jour!) Stir up a pitcher. The kids can drink lemonade, and the adults can spike the drink. Bourbon is my preferred method for hardening lemonade. If you are feeling especially glib, pop in a maraschino cherry. You also could add a shot of vodka or gin or bubble up the lemonade with a splash of soda, prosecco or champagne.

Of course, you cannot serve cocktails or lemonade, hard or soft, without something to nibble. You can open a can of nuts or a bag of chips. But when you want a little something extra special and homemade, try cheese straws.

In the South, checklar is

the classic ingredient. At Atlanta's Miller Union restaurant, executive chef Steven Satterfield substitutes blue dairy for orange. For his blue cheese wafers, pecans add a little crunch, and a sprinkling of sea salt will make you want another drink.

If Aperol and herbes de Provence put you in a Mediterranean mood, try some sweet summer figs wrapped in salty Italian pancetta. Marinate the figs with a little brown sugar, balsamic vinegar, lemon and rosemary. Pierce them with a skewer, and grill until the figs are oozing and the pancetta is crisp.

Then pour yourself a drink. Here are recipes for Aperol Orange Soda, Herbes de Provence Lemonade, Blue

Cheese Wafers and Grilled Figs With Pancetta, Lemon and Rosemary:

APEROL ORANGE SODA

Hands on: 3 minutes Total time: 3 minutes Makes: 1 drink

To make simple syrup, in a saucepan, bring one-part sugar and one-part water — say a cup of each — to a boil, and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Keep in an airtight container in the refrigerator. This is a signature drink at Stg Trattoria, where it is made with San Benedetto sparkling water. But you can use any kind of soda water.

1 ounce Aperol
½ ounce (1 tablespoon) simple syrup
½ ounce (1 tablespoon) fresh lemon juice
Crushed ice
3 ounces soda water, preferably Italian
Dash of orange bitters
Strip of orange peel

Pour the Aperol, simple syrup and lemon juice in a cocktail glass or other small, 8-ounce tumbler. Mix well. Cover with crushed ice. Top with soda water and dash of orange bitters. Stir briskly. Garnish with orange peel. Serve immediately.

Per drink: 115 calories (none from fat), trace protein, 13 grams carbohydrates, trace fiber, no fat, no cholesterol, 4 milligrams sodium.

HERBES DE PROVENCE LEMONADE

Hands on: 10 minutes Total time: 30-40 minutes Serves: 6-8

Rosemary, lavender and other herbs (depending on the mix) give lemonade a sunny disposition. I adore this with

bourbon. We used sprigs of rosemary as a garnish, but lemon, mint and lemon balm are other good options.

1½ cups granulated sugar
2 heaping teaspoons dried herbes de Provence

2¼ quarts cold water, divided
½ of a whole vanilla bean
1 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice

Crushed ice
Rosemary sprigs for garnish (optional)

Place granulated sugar, herbes de Provence and 1 cup water in a small saucepan. Split third of vanilla bean and scrape seeds into the water. Toss the bean into the pan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring regularly until the sugar is completely dissolved, about 3 to 5 minutes. Cover and allow to steep for 20 to 30 minutes. Strain the syrup into a large pitcher. Add lemon juice and remaining 2 quarts water and stir. Cover and chill until ready to serve. Pour into glasses over plenty of crushed ice, and garnish with a rosemary sprig, if desired.

Per serving (based on 6): 182 calories (none from fat), trace protein, 48 grams carbohydrates, trace fiber, trace fat (no saturated), no cholesterol, 1 milligram sodium.

GRILLED FIGS WITH PANCETTA, LEMON AND ROSEMARY

Hands on: 10 minutes Total time: 40 minutes Serves: 6-8

Any kind of figs will work in this recipe. If the figs are small, you may want to cut the pancetta into smaller pieces. You may also use Parma or serrano ham or bacon.
12 to 15 large ripe figs (such as Black Mission)
2 tablespoons brown sugar
Juice and zest of 1 lemon
2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh rosemary
½ teaspoon sea salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
½ pound pancetta, sliced

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By DAVID OUELLET

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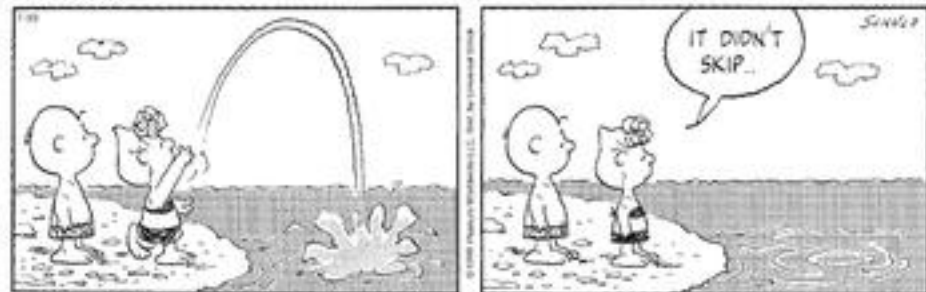
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Pesto puts some zing into grilled chicken breasts

By Susan M. Selasky
Detroit Free Press

According to Weber's Grill-Watch survey, not surprisingly, chicken is the second most popular grilling food — after hamburgers. But I often hear complaints about grilled chicken, mainly breasts, which can easily overcook and turn dry. Chicken breasts are very lean, and any lean cut of poultry or meat will tend to dry out during cooking. The darker meat in chicken drumsticks and thighs has more fat and tends to be more forgiving.

So, the first recommendation is to have an instant-read thermometer handy. Chicken should be cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees.

It also helps to brine or marinate chicken first and to grill it with the skin on. You can always remove the skin after grilling.

When you're ready to grill, prepare a two-zone fire or preheat for cooking over indirect heat, meaning that you will cook the chicken away from the heat source.



Susan Ross / Detroit Free Press

Grilled Pesto Chicken served with Berry Salad makes for a quick summer meal.

For charcoal, that means bank the coals on one side. For gas, turn on all the burners to preheat the grill. If it has three burners, shut off the middle one when it's preheated. This is so you don't get a blast of heat, cooking the outside of the chicken too quickly and leaving the inside undercooked. There will be enough heat to crisp the skin with this arrangement. Today's recipe is adapted

from Cook's Country magazine, the sister publication of Cook's Illustrated magazine. It uses different versions of a pesto — without cheese for the marinade, with cheese for the stuffing and with more olive oil for the serving sauce. It's a three-step process but takes little time.

This pesto recipe doesn't call for the traditional pine nuts, but you could add them if you like.

I added some parsley along with the basil. When basil is cut, it tends to darken, so the parsley helps keep that vibrant green color. Spinach could also be used for this purpose.

GRILLED PESTO CHICKEN

Serves: 4 / Preparation time: 30 minutes (plus marinating time)

- Total time: 1 hour, 10 minutes
 - 2 cups fresh basil leaves
 - ½ cup flat-leaf parsley
 - ½ cup olive oil, divided
 - 4 garlic cloves, peeled
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - ½ cup Parmesan cheese, grated
 - 2 large, about 1¼ pounds, (or 4 small) skin-on, boneless chicken breasts, trimmed of excess fat
- In a food processor, place the basil, parsley, ¼ cup oil, garlic, lemon juice and ½ teaspoon salt. Process until smooth, about 1 minute, scraping bowl as needed. Remove ¼ cup pesto from processor and reserve for

marinating chicken. Add Parmesan to pesto in processor and pulse until incorporated, about 3 pulses. Remove 2 heaping tablespoons of pesto for stuffing chicken.

Add the remaining ¼ cup oil to pesto in processor and pulse until combined. Set aside for saucing cooked chicken; you should have about ½ cup pesto.

Starting on thick side of breast, cut a horizontal pocket in each breast about 2½ inches wide, stopping ½-inch from edge so halves remain attached.

Season chicken, inside and out, with salt and pepper. Place 1 heaping tablespoon of Parmesan pesto in pocket of each breast.

Fold the non-skin side of the breast in toward the pocket so the skin side folds over some. Using kitchen twine, tie the breast at intervals.

Place stuffed breasts in bowl and add pesto reserved for marinating. Rub pesto all over chicken, cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.

Preheat or prepare the grill for indirect heat. (For

charcoal, place ash-covered coals on one side of the grill and replace grate. For a gas grill, light all burners to high and then turn all but one to medium-low.)

Oil the grill grate. Place chicken, skin side up, on grill away from the heat. Cover and cook about 10 minutes. Flip chicken skin-side down. If using charcoal, slide chicken to hot part of grill. Cover and cook until well browned, about 10 minutes. Using tongs, turn chicken to brown on all sides, and cook until it reached an internal temperature of 165 degrees. Transfer chicken to platter, tent loosely with foil, and let rest for 5 minutes. Remove twine from chicken, and cut into ¼-inch thick slices. Serve with remaining pesto sauce on the side.

Adapted from Cook's Country magazine, June/July 2012
Tested by Susan Selasky in the Free Press Test Kitchen.
433 calories (43 percent from fat), 20 grams fat (5 grams sat. fat), 2 grams carbohydrates, 58 grams protein, 332 mg sodium, 153 mg cholesterol, 0 grams fiber.

SIPPING

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Slice figs in half and place in a large bowl. In a small bowl, place the brown sugar, lemon juice and zest, balsamic vinegar, rosemary, salt and pepper. Stir until the sugar is dissolved. Pour mixture over figs, and toss well to cover. (If you have time, let the figs marinate for 20 minutes or so before cooking.) Cut pancetta slices in half. Wrap each fig half with pancetta, and skewer it with a toothpick or skewer. Place pancetta-wrapped figs on a tray, and drizzle with any remaining marinade. Cover with plastic wrap until ready to grill.

Place the figs on a hot grill over medium-high heat, and cook until they are quite soft and the pancetta is crispy, about 5 minutes per side. (You may also cook figs under the broiler.) Serve immediately or at room temperature.

Per serving (based on 6): 161 calories (percent of calories from fat, 19), 11 grams protein, 23 grams carbohydrates, 3 grams fiber, 3 grams fat (1 gram saturated), 26 milligrams cholesterol, 1,179 milligrams sodium.

BLUE CHEESE WAFERS

Hands on: 10 minutes Total time: 2

hours, 40 minutes (includes 2-hour chilling time) Makes: About 8 dozen

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon sea salt, plus more for sprinkling
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons (½ stick) unsalted butter
- 8 ounces blue cheese, crumbled
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans
- 2 large egg yolks, slightly beaten

In a small bowl, stir together the flour, salt and black pepper. Use a pastry blender or your fingertips to cut in the butter and cheese until the mixture resembles

coarse crumbs. Stir in the pecans and yolks until the mixture forms large clumps. Press and knead the clumps until the dough is well mixed. Divide dough in half, and shape each piece into a 9- to 10-inch log with round or flat sides. (If you make the log with flat sides, it will be easier to slice when ready to bake the wafers.) Wrap the logs in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to overnight.

When ready to bake, preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat. Remove plastic wrap. Cut the logs into ¼-inch slices, and place on the prepared

baking sheet. Bake until golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Sprinkle the tops with salt. Allow the wafers to cool completely. Remove from baking sheet. Store in a cookie tin or other airtight container. (You may separate each layer with a sheet of wax paper.) Adapted from "The Southern Foodways Alliance Community Cookbook" (UGA Press, \$24.95)

Per wafer: 30 calories (percent of calories from fat, 64), 1 gram protein, 2 grams carbohydrates, trace fiber, 2 grams fat (1 gram saturated), 7 milligrams cholesterol, 53 milligrams sodium.

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AMERICAN LEGION POST & Aux., Unit 41:
Meeting 1st Thurs. of the mo. Post, 7 p.m.; Aux., 6:30 p.m. 2129 2nd St., Baker 541-523-2141

BAKER COUNTY Health Department offers a variety of affordable birth control. Some individuals may qualify for a program to get birth control at little or no cost. We also offer STI testing. Please call if you have question or to make an appointment, 541-523-8211.

BINGO: TUES., 1 p.m., Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St.

CALL FOR Vendors sign up now for your booth at Community Night Out August 7th Booth fee \$15 for retail. Free to non-profit. To register, call Crisi at (541)523-5104

DUTCH-OVEN COOKING contest, Saturday, August 11th, during Union Grassroots Festival. Contestants wanted, no entry fee. Down home cooking, cash prizes, trophy & ribbons. unionsbarn.com or 541-786-1492.

105 - Announcements

I, KATHERINE Olsen, have had sole custody of my daughter, Hannamae Olsen, since my divorce from Donald Olsen which was finalized on September 27, 2007. Reason for divorce was irreconcilable differences.

KIWANIS CLUB of Baker City
Tuesday at 12:00 PM, Noon
Sunridge Inn Restaurant, 1 Sunridge Ln.
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105 - Announcements

PUBLIC BINGO: Mon. doors open, 6:30 p.m.; early bird game, 7 p.m. followed by regular games. Community Connection, 2810 Cedar St., Baker. All ages welcome. 541-523-6591

SEARCHING FOR John Montgomery from Baker City, OR. Any information please contact Robert Armstrong, 541-523-3246 or the Baker City Herald at 541-523-3673

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 3048 MONTHLY MEETING 2nd Thurs. of the month. Post & Auxiliary meet at 6:30 p.m. VFW Hall, 2005 Valley Ave., Baker 541-523-4988

110 - Self-Help Group Meetings

AA MEETING: Survivor Group. Wed. & Thurs. 12:05pm-1:05pm. Presbyterian Church, 1995 4th St. (4th & Court Sts.) Baker City. Open, Nonsmoking.

AL-ANON-HELP FOR families & friends of alcoholics. Union County. 568-4856 or 562-5772

Alcoholics Anonymous NE Oregon 24 Hour Hotline 1-866-285-0617.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY A Christ-centered 12 step program. A place where you can heal. Baker City Nazarene Church, every Tues. at 6:15 PM. For more info, call 541-523-9845.

110 - Self-Help Group Meetings

NORTHEAST OREGON CLASSIFIEDS offers Self Help & Support Group Announcements at no charge. Please call Julie at 541-523-3673.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: Monday, Thursday, & Friday at 8pm. Episcopal Church 2177 First St., Baker City.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS HELP **LINE-1-800-766-3724 Meetings:** 8:00PM: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday **Noon:** Thursday **6:00PM:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (Women's) **7:00PM:** Saturday **Rear Basement Entrance at 1501 O Ave.**

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS Tues., Noon, Welcome Inn Conference Rm., 175 Campbell St Baker. Support for people who want to stop eating compulsively. For info, call 541-403-0451.

AA MEETING: Pine Eagle Sobriety Group Tues.; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Presbyterian Church Halfway, Oregon Open No Smoking Wheel Chair Accessible

110 - Self-Help Group Meetings

AA MEETING: Powder River Group Mon.; 7 PM - 8 PM Wed.; 7 PM - 8 PM Fri.; 7 PM - 8 PM Grove St. Apts. Corner of Grove & D Sts. Open Nonsmoking Wheel Chair Accessible

TLC (THOSE WHO HAVE Lost Children, a Christian-based support group, Mon. 7 p.m., Valley Fellowship, 3rd & M Avenues, La Grande. More info. is available by calling 541-962-7662.

AA MEETING: Willing To Go To Any Length Group Tues.; 7 PM - 8 PM Sat.; 8 PM - 9 PM St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church 2335 1st St. (in the basement) Open Nonsmoking

AA MEETING: Been There Done That, Open Meeting Sunday, 5:30 - 6:30 Grove St Apts Corner of Grove & D Sts Nonsmoking Wheel Chair Accessible

120 - Community Calendar

YOU TOO can use this attention getter. Ask how you can get your ad to stand out like this!

140 - Yard, Garage Sales-Baker Co.

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140 - Yard, Garage Sales-Baker Co.

ALL ADS FOR GARAGE SALES, MOVING SALES, YARD SALES, must be PREPAID at The Baker City Herald Office, 1915 First Street, Baker City or The Observer Office, 1406 Fifth Street, LaGrande.

HUGE SALE at Missouri Flat Grange Hall, 1050 Hughes Lane Fl. B/D3; 8 AM - 7 PM & Sat. 8/04; 8 AM - 11 AM. Many great items at great prices.

HWY 7 Storage Sale, Fri., 8 AM - 3 PM. Collectibles & misc.

145 - Yard, Garage Sales-Union Co.

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160 - Lost & Found

FOUND BAG at Phillips Lake, ISSPI Call to identify. 541-523-2222

FOUND LARGE apricot tabby, non-neutered, male, about 1 yr. Big golden-brown eyes, super friendly & affectionate. Found on 6th & G. 541-975-4168.

FOUND, BLACK shitzu, very small, on 4th St 7/26. 541-786-1781.

LOST NEAR ball field, Raiders lanyard w/ keys. 541-975-4084.

LOST: ASH St. Young, 1, white w/black Akita 541-519-3601. Reward Baker City

LOST: F, cat, Tortoise shell/calico mix, H St. area. 541-523-4891. Baker City

MISSING YOUR PET? Check the Baker City Animal Clinic. 541-523-3611.

160 - Lost & Found

PLEASE CHECK the Animal Shelter website in LaGrande if you have a lost or found pet. www.bmhumane.org

200 Employment

210 - Help Wanted-Baker Co.

SOCIAL WORKER needed for the top 100 best places to work in healthcare in the nation. FT w/great benefits. \$20 - \$24 per hr. DOE. For more info or to apply go to: www.gohospice.com

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BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT 5J is currently accepting applications for a Baker Middle School Volleyball Coach. For a complete description of the positions go to www.baker.k12.or.us or contact the employment division. You may also call 541-524-2261

TRUCK DRIVER, Flat bed doubles. No nights or weekends req'd. Based in Baker City. Gary N. Smith Trucking. Contact Mike at 541-523-3777

220 - Help Wanted Union Co.

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220 - Help Wanted Union Co.

UNION SCHOOL District is hiring a High School Language Arts/English Teacher. Please contact Superintendent Jon St. Germaine at 541-562-5278 or visit the Union School District website: www.union.k12.or.us/employment for more information.

220 - Help Wanted Union Co.

IT IS UNLAWFUL (Sub-section 3, ORS 659.040) for an employer (domestic help excepted) or employment agency to print or circulate or cause to be printed or circulated any statement, advertisement or publication, or to use any form of application for employment or to make any inquiry in connection with prospective employment which expresses directly or indirectly any limitation, specification or discrimination as to race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin or any intent to make any such limitation, specification or discrimination, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification.

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Northwest Oregon Classified Staff

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ARE YOU looking for a career in Human Services? New Day Enterprises is looking for enthusiastic individuals to be Relief workers available to work day, swing and graveyard shifts. \$9.50/hr and up. Must be able to work flexible hours; be at least 18 and able to pass Criminal History and drug screen. Must possess a valid Driver's License. Applications are available at 1502 Washington Ave., 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

220 - Help Wanted Union Co.

GRANDE RONDE Hospital: Foundation Manager position- Bachelor's degree in marketing, communication, business mgmt. or related field. Experience in special events, knowledge of fundraising, experience with grant writing. Advanced computer skills required. Ability to write effectively and speak in public. Type 40wpm and have a current OR driver's license. Starting rate DOE. Apply on line at www.grh.org EOE

220 - Help Wanted Union Co.



COMMUNITY RELATION DIRECTOR
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220 - Help Wanted Union Co.

NEW DAY Enterprises has an opening for an individual to provide team leadership in an employment program for adults with developmental disabilities. Experience in a vocational setting or as a mid manager is preferred. Successful candidates will need to demonstrate their ability to train, organize, plan, schedule, coordinate, communicate, and work as part of a team. Position includes competitive compensation and a benefit package (available after initial transition period) that includes paid time off and company aid medical, dental and vision insurance. Flexibility in schedule is required. Must pass criminal history investigation, drug test and have a valid Oregon driver's license. Applications can be picked up at 1502 Washington from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, M-F or contact the Oregon Employment Department re: Job #898451. Resume must accompany application. Closing date is August 2, 2012 at 4:00 PM.

220 - Help Wanted Union Co.

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220 - Help Wanted Union Co.

UNION COUNTY Extension Service 4-H SNACZ Program Coordinator
 Oregon State University Union County Extension Service is recruiting for a full-time, fixed-term, Extension 4-H SNACZ Program Coordinator. SNACZ is a 4-year, research-based, 4-H youth leadership program. The coordinator will provide oversight and leadership for SNACZ Teams which will advocate for healthy snacks in five elementary schools and nearby food stores. Responsibilities include curriculum development, youth and volunteer leader recruitment, and communication with research faculty and the community. Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree in health promotion or elementary/middle school education, or equivalent combination of education and experience. Preference will be given to candidates with a master's degree in the specified area and a background in nutrition and/or experience with youth leadership programs. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. To review posting and apply, please visit <http://oregonstate.edu/jobs>. Apply to posting #0009399. Closing date: July 31, 2012. OSU is an AA/EEO.

220 - Help Wanted Union Co.

THE COVE School District is currently accepting applications for a part time worker in its kitchen, two days a week/6 hours a day. Pay will range from \$10.04-\$11.53 per hour based on experience. Position does not have a benefit package. Previous food service experience desired and Oregon Food Handlers Card required. Position closes August 10, with interviews and final selection the week of August 13-17. Applications can be accessed at the District's website under District information. Please mail applications to: Cove School District PO Box 68 Cove, OR 97824

220 - Help Wanted Union Co.

KNOWLEDGE OF: Principles and techniques of weed control including species identification and pesticide application; techniques and methods of supervision; relevant laws and regulations; creating a yearly budget; adverse effects of noxious weeds.

220 - Help Wanted Union Co.

ABILITY TO: Develop and establish effective weed control and eradication programs; read and interpret federal, state and local laws; create and implement education programs and make oral presentations; establish and maintain effective working relationships with a diversity of others; apply and communicate persuasive techniques in seeking compliance with weed laws; supervise two employees as well as several contractors.

220 - Help Wanted Union Co.

TRI-COUNTY COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA - DIRECTOR POSITION (Northeastern Oregon): The director coordinates noxious weed management program for the Tri-County area administering the planning, organization, direction and evaluation of programs to control and eradicate noxious weeds in cooperation with Baker, Union, and Wallowa Counties and other partners. Considerable ability to negotiate with others, explore and analyze alternatives and implement strategies is critical to the success of the position.

220 - Help Wanted Union Co.

EMPLOYMENT TYPE: Full-time position with benefits. Starting Salary: \$45,000-\$52,000 (Depending on qualifications). Location: Baker City, OR.

220 - Help Wanted Union Co.

TO APPLY: Please pick-up a full job description and requirement packet at your local Oregon State employment department office. Deadline: August 27, 2012. Additional questions call Mark Porter at (541) 398-0154.

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Lot 1, Block 28, HUNTINGTON TOWNSITE, in the City of Huntington, County of Baker and State of Oregon. Commonly Known as 90 E. Jefferson Street, Huntington, Oregon 97907.

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UNITUS COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff Vs PAUL M. FLOYD, deceased, CAROL M. HARDEN, deceased, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES, ROGER L. FLOYD, PAULA J. JONES, MARIE OWEN, individuals, and ALL OTHER HEIRS, PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, Defendants

Writ of Execution dated the 28th day of June, 2012.

Mitchell Southwick, Sheriff Baker County, Oregon

By: April Bowers, Civil Deputy

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OLD WEST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by NATHAN A. ROY AND HOLLY M. ROY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as grantors, to AMERITILE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, dated 04/20/2007, recorded 04/24/2007, in the mortgage records of Baker County, Oregon, as Recorder's fee/instrument/microfilm/reception Number 07170182B, and subsequently assigned to U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN

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in Book/Reel/Volume No. at Page No. as Recorder's fee/instrument/microfilm/reception No. 12110251B, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to wit: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 3 AND PORTIONS OF LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 27, J.P. ATWOOD'S SECOND ADDITION TO BAKER CITY, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, IN BAKER CITY, COUNTY OF BAKER AND STATE OF OREGON, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 27 WHICH IS EAST 80 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE EAST 70 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 27; THENCE SOUTH 130 FEET PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 27; THENCE WEST 50 FEET PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 27; THENCE NORTH 76 FEET PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 27 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1437 WASHINGTON AVE BAKER CITY, OR 97814 Both the Beneficiary and the Trustee have elected to sell the real property to satisfy the obligations that the Trust Deed secures and a notice of default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.735(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: monthly payments of \$1,073.99 beginning 12/01/2011; plus late charges of \$40.29 each month beginning with the 12/01/2011 payment plus prior accrued late charges of \$-80.58, plus advances of \$60.00; together with title expense, costs, trustee's fees and attorney fees incurred herein by reason of said default; and any further sums advanced by the Beneficiary for the protection of the above described real property and its interests therein. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that, RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the undersigned Trustee will on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at the hour of 10:00 AM, in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at the following place: outside the main entrance to the Baker County Courthouse, 1995 3rd Street, Baker City, Baker County, OR, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the Trust Deed, together with any interest which the grantor or grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs

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and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.753 has the right, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by paying the Beneficiary the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of notice of default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation that the Trust Deed secures, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation that the Trust Deed secures, and the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: June 12, 2012 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. For further information, please contact: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapa Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 (800) 281-8219 (TS# 12-0053333) 1006.161710-FE1

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Dan Hoppe has been appointed Personal Representative (hereafter PR) of the Estate of **Jacqueline R. Bonner**, Deceased, Probate No. 12-06-8399, Union County Circuit Court, State of Oregon. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the court records, the PR, or the attorney for the PR. All persons having claims against the estate must present them to the PR at:

Mammen & Null, Lawyers, LLC
J. Glenn Null, Attorney for PR
1602 Sixth Street - P.O. Box 477, La Grande, OR 97850
(541)963-5259
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In The Matter Of Adoption) Of **CECLE REX CRIST, JR., and CAITLIN MARIE CRIST,** Minor Children, Case No. **11-11-4461** SUMMONS

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will be an update by the Justice of the Peace, a public hearing on the Halfway Urban Growth Boundary in addition to several documents to be signed. A complete agenda will be available for public review on the Monday prior to session on our website at www.baker-county.org or by contacting the Commissioner's office at 541-523-8200. Baker County operates under an EEO policy and complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Assistance is available for individuals with disabilities by calling 541-523-8200 (TTY: 541-523-9538).

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TO: CECLE REX CRIST

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and defend the Adoption of Minor Children - Amended Petition for Adoption and Change of Name filed in the above-entitled cause within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this Summons upon you (said date being the date of first publication of Summons). If you fail to appear and defend, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Petition.

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY!

You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the Court a legal paper called a "Motion" or "Answer." The "Motion" or "Answer" must be given to the Court Clerk or Administrator within thirty (30) days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the Petitioner's lawyer or, if the Petitioner does not have a lawyer, proof of service on the Petitioner.

If you have any questions, you should see a lawyer immediately. If you need help in finding a lawyer, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636.

Dated: July 12, 2012

J. Glenn Null
OSB #040961
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CITY OF LA GRANDE

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to Section 34 of the City Charter of the City of La Grande, Oregon, the following entitled Ordinance is scheduled to be read

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for the first time by title only during a Regular Session of the Council on Wednesday, August 8, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1000 Adams Avenue, La Grande, Oregon. This Session will begin at 6:00 p.m.; no Council vote will be taken at this time.

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA GRANDE, OREGON, ESTABLISHING ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS AND PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH CITY OF LA GRANDE ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE"

If adopted, this proposed Ordinance shall establish procedures for the enforcement of certain provisions of specific City of La Grande Ordinances, including penalties for noncompliance.

All Sessions of the La Grande City Council are accessible to persons with disabilities, and special accommodations will be made for those with visual and/or hearing impairments. Please call 541-962-1309, to request an interpreter and/or additional information in connection with this proposed Ordinance.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE BY TITLE ONLY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with ORS 271.110, that the La Grande City Council will conduct a Public Hearing during its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 2012, which begins at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 Adams Avenue, La Grande, Oregon. The Public Hearing may be continued to the subsequently scheduled, September 5, 2012, Regular Session of the

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Pork: More flavor, less time

By Susan M. Selasky
Detroit Free Press

Pork tenderloin is a good lean protein to have on hand for quick cooking. It is an ideal cut of meat, whether it is grilled, roasted in the oven or pan-seared.

You also can smoke pork tenderloins on the grill. Smoking is a hot trend this summer, showing up in many magazines and books.

Several of my friends are really into smoking foods. They've smoked big hunks of pork for pulled pork, a plethora of ribs (baby backs and spare ribs), copious amounts of chicken and even a few burly beef briskets.

But smoking is not just for big hunks of meat that require hours and hours of low and slow cooking — which most people will tell you is true barbecue.

You can achieve that smoky essence with smaller cuts, like pork tenderloin, and in a shorter amount of time, according to Jamie Purviance's new "Weber's Smoke: A Guide to Smoke Cooking for Everyone and Any Grill" (Sunset, \$21.95).

What you'll need are some

wood chips and time (to soak the wood chips and, if using charcoal, to build a fire).

The other task that takes some time is marinating the meat. Other than that, smoking is easy because all you need to do is add soaked wood chips to hot coals.

With smoking smaller cuts, it's ideal to use smaller wood chips because you only need to soak them in water 30 minutes before using. Once you've got the heat right according to the recipe, add the chips — just keep an eye on the color of the smoke billowing out of the grill. When using charcoal, the color of smoke should be whitish. If it's gray and starting to turn black, the wood chips are being starved of oxygen and are not smoldering properly, according to Purviance.

Also, try not to peek. Each time you lift the lid that smoky scented essence escapes.

A word of note: Pork tenderloin, grilled to the right temperature, should have a rosy hue in the center, but not be raw.

If you're anxious to try smoking meats, today's

Hickory Pork Tenderloins are a good place to start. The recipe is easy and hickory is a mild flavor that balances well with the orange glaze. You also can use apple wood chips, another common mild wood chip.

HICKORY PORK TENDERLOINS WITH CITRUS-CILANTRO SAUCE

Smoke little cuts of meat, too
Makes: 6 / Preparation time: 20 minutes / Total time: 40 minutes

SAUCE

- 2 navel oranges
- 1 lime
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup bourbon
- ½ cup finely chopped fresh cilantro leaves

PORK

- 2 pork tenderloins, each about 1 pound, trimmed of excess fat and silver skin
- Olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 large handful hickory wood



Susan Tuma / Detroit Free Press

Hickory Pork Tenderloin offers a smoky essence in a short amount of cooking time.

chips, soaked in water for at least 30 minutes

To make the sauce: Finely grate the zest from the oranges and lime and set them aside. Juice the oranges (you should have 1 cup juice) and the lime (you should have 3 tablespoons juice).

In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, combine the orange and lime juice and the sugar and bring to a boil, stirring just until the sugar is dissolved. Continue cooking, without stirring, until the mixture is covered with large,

glossy bubbles and is reduced to about ½ cup. Remove from the heat. Carefully stir in the bourbon, taking care that it doesn't ignite.

Return the saucepan to medium-high heat and bring to a boil. Cook until syrupy and reduced again to ½ cup, stirring occasionally. Pour into a heatproof container and cool completely. Stir in the orange and lime zest and the cilantro.

To make the pork: Lightly brush the tenderloins with oil and season evenly with the salt and red pepper flakes.

Prepare a two-zone fire for medium heat — one area should be about 350 degrees and the other 450 degrees. If using a charcoal grill, prepare the coals, banking them to one side of the grill, or use charcoal baskets set on each side.

This will be the hotter area.

Brush the cooking grate clean. Drain and add the wood chips to the charcoal and put the lid on the grill.

When the wood begins to smoke, place the tenderloins over direct medium heat, with the lid closed as much as possible, until the outsides are seared and golden brown, about 10 minutes, turning occasionally. Then generously brush the tops with some of the sauce, close the lid, and cook for 3 minutes. Turn the pork over and brush with more sauce. Close the lid, and cook until the internal temperature reaches 145-150 degrees, about 5 minutes more.

Remove from the grill and let rest for 5 minutes. Cut the tenderloins crosswise into ½-inch slices and serve with the remaining sauce.

It's time to take stock of your garden

By Liz Douville
WestCoast News Service

If you planted your garden in the first week of June, your garden has reached the ripe old age of seven weeks. With the slow start of the planting season, maybe your garden isn't any further ahead than those of us who finally got serious around the middle of the month.

This is certainly the year to be keeping a garden journal. I have already made some interesting entries. The fingerling potatoes I planted June 15 broke through June 29 (14 days). The fingerling potatoes I planted June 22 popped up July 1 (nine days). I wish now that for the sake of data collecting I would have planted one row in late May. I'll make a note in my journal to add that earlier planting date also.

Now is a good time to cast a critical eye over your garden or landscape and take some notes. What's working; what's not? Gardening is labor intensive. Why inadvertently make the same mistake next year? Write it down; I guarantee you won't remember next year.

I followed a companion planting tip I read, which was to under-plant corn with your choice of zucchini, salad greens, cucumbers, beets, nasturtiums, pumpkins, squash, French marigolds or beans. I chose to try a planting of Dutch Baby Ball beets — a tender, petite-sized beet that is edible at an inch and a half in diameter. Sounds like a perfect size.

I have read that corn really isn't made for the home garden. It takes lots of space, a rich soil and has a pollination process that causes frustration. Nevertheless, we always have to try.

If a tomato blossom doesn't get pollinated, it won't make a fruit, but another blossom comes along quickly, and chances are you didn't even notice the loss.

With corn, the incomplete pollination brings a gasp of "what happened?" The gap-toothed ear is a sure indicator that something went wrong.

Corn pollination is a complex process. The pollen forms in the tassel and has to get from there to the female flowers deep within the husk of the emerging ears. The silk is the chosen road. Each silk is connected to a pair of female flowers on the cob. When a female flower is

fertilized, it forms a seed — a kernel of corn. If a flower is not fertilized, it leaves a gap on the cob. That means that hundreds or maybe even a thousand fertilizations have to take place to fill out a single ear of corn.

In farm plantings there is so much pollen in the air and so many large fields of corn in the vicinity that pollination is inevitable. Each tassel produces millions of microscopic grains of pollen. The problem in a small home garden is getting it where it belongs. Wind will whisk it away. Rain will hurl it to the ground.

Home garden corn patches generally suffer from what is called the edge effect. A long and narrow patch will have lots of plants on the edge, making it more likely that their pollen will blow away. The longer the patch, the lower the percent of pollination. By planting in blocks instead of long rows, and facing the shortest edge in the direction of the prevail-

ing winds, you increase the likelihood of pollination even more.

Heat will also kill pollination. In temperatures over 90 degrees, pollen grains remain viable for less than 24 hours. Think back to the high temperatures in the Midwest corn country in June and early July, and you can't help but wonder if there won't be a shortage this year.

Take note when the silk appears on your corn, and make a note in your journal or calendar to check for harvest 15 days later. At that time, make a small vertical cut in the ear and poke a kernel. Clear liquid means wait a few more days. If it is milky, pick and enjoy. If the kernel is pasty, it is no longer at its best, so keep a watchful eye.

Think ahead and prepare for next year's plot in late September. Choose a new area and sow a nitrogen-fixing cover crop, such as Austrian field peas. In the spring, cut it down and work it into

the soil before you plant your corn. It will loosen and enrich the soil for a better crop. Keep in mind that you need to choose a corn variety with a maturity date of 65-75 days, and add to that another 14 days to compensate for our variance of daytime and nighttime temperatures.

You have to admit that an ear of homegrown corn, prepared within minutes of picking, is well worth the planting.

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Parents not duty-bound to pay for daughter's wedding

DEAR ABBY: I am a 46-year-old female being married for the second time. My first marriage took place 28 years ago and didn't cost my parents a penny because there was no wedding.

I would like to ask them to contribute financially this time to help with the cost of a small, intimate ceremony and dinner for fewer than 20 people. Am I asking too much?

— SECOND TIME AROUND IN ORLANDO, FLA.

DEAR SECOND TIME AROUND: Yes. Couples on their "second bounce" pay for their OWN weddings. And by the way, there is no obligation on the part of the bride's parents to pay for her wedding even the first time around. A wedding is a GIFT, and to solicit a gift is inappropriate. If your parents volunteer to chip in for your wedding, then it's fine to accept. But don't ask them to do it. That you didn't have a wedding the first time around does not obligate them to pay for one now.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 38-year-old woman who has moved around my whole life. Because of this, I have no childhood friends who have carried over to adulthood. I am friendless and lonely for companionship. I have a husband and a son, but I long for a female friend I can chat with, shop with or just sit with and be around.

I have tried meeting new people at the park with my son, and I felt like I hit it off with a few people, but they all (at this age) already have dear friends and don't seem interested in changing their circles. Am I destined to be lonely?

— JUST ME IN TENNESSEE

DEAR JUST ME: I don't know how much free time you have on your hands, but you need to meet more people than the women at the park. If you have become isolated waiting for someone to rescue you from your loneliness, please understand that the cure for loneliness is to DO something.

Volunteer at a school, museum, hospital, library or food bank. Join a garden club, bridge club or book club. Look

around and see if you can find any other lonely people and turn them into friends. If you pick up the phone, you will find it rings on both ends.

DEAR ABBY: My dad and I were very close. He would tease me about being a tightwad and I'd tease him about being a spendthrift. When he passed away last year, I was — and still am — devastated.

I recently visited the library and, while looking at some books for sale, I found one by an author I like. I said to myself that if I had the correct amount of change in my purse, I could buy it guilt-free. Unfortunately, I was a few cents short.

As I turned to put the book back on the shelf, I spotted a dime on the floor. Like the writers of the "pennies from heaven" letters you have shared, I am certain that the dime was from my dad, who was essentially buying the book for me. I purchased it and will treasure it always.

— GRATEFUL DAUGHTER

DEAR GRATEFUL: What a sweet letter. I hope you will enjoy the book for years to come. It speaks "volumes" about your relationship with your dad.

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DEAR ABBY

Minn. bikini parade falls far short of record

MADISON LAKE, Minn. (AP) — Only an itchy-bitsy, teeny-weeny number of bikini-wearers turned out to strut their stuff in a southern Minnesota town.

Organizers had hoped for hundreds of women to march Saturday in what was billed as the World's Largest Bikini Parade.

But the number of bikini-wearing women — and a couple of men in bikini tops — at the Paddlefish Days Parade in Madison Lake fell far short of the world record.

The (Mankato, Minn.) Free Press reported Saturday the number appeared to be 39. Women were told they could wear shorts over their bikini bottoms once it was clear the record of 451 was unattainable.

A majority of City Council members opposed the bikini parade. Some said it was inconsistent with the festival's family-oriented nature.

Oops: UK minister nearly makes dinger with ringer

LONDON (AP) — It was a bit of bell ringing that became bell flinging.

British Olympics Secretary Jeremy Hunt nearly hit a bystander Friday when a bell he was shaking broke apart and went flying off its handle during a television interview.

Hunt's mishap came during artist Martin Creed's "All the Bells" event, in which bells across the country, including Big Ben, rang to welcome the games at 8:12 a.m., 12 hours before the Olympics opening ceremony begins.

Hunt's ringing may have been a bit too joyous. Television footage showed him wincing as the bell flew into a crowd of bystanders. Luckily no one appeared hit.

Later he posted a Twitter message: "Oops bell broke taking part in Martin Creed's ringing in of the Games ... no one hurt but classic

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

(2012) moment."

More than 1,000 turtles slowly escape captivity

SUMMERVILLE, Ga. (AP) — More than 1,000 turtles made a slow-speed escape from their turtle farm in northwest Georgia.

Turtle farmer David Driver tells sheriff's officials he suspects vandals might be to blame for tearing down fences around his turtle ponds in Summerville.

Authorities say that allowed the turtles — including snappers, Eastern paints and yellow-bellied sliders — to leave the farm and make a beeline to nearby ponds and creeks.

Driver tells The Chattanooga Times Free Press that about 1,600 of the 2,200 turtles escaped. He says his business involves selling some turtles to pet-growing operations and others to China.

Sheriff's officials are continuing to search for the turtles.

Summerville, known more as the home of folk artist Howard Finster than it is for turtles, is about 90 miles northwest of Atlanta.

Navy radio might be crippling garage doors

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A radio signal being transmitted out of a submarine base is likely behind reports of garage doors failing to open and close in southeastern Connecticut, the U.S. Navy said Monday.

The signal is part of the Enterprise Land Mobile Radio system, which is used by the military to coordinate responses with civil emergency workers, said Chris Zendan, a spokesman for submarine base in Groton.

The problem, first reported by The Day of New London, is that the same frequency is used at very low levels by the manufacturers of garage door openers. The signals from remote controls to open or close the doors are blocked by the

signal from the base.

Overhead Door Co. of Norwich Inc. told the newspaper it has been receiving complaints from several towns near the base and has found no problem with its equipment. The Associated Press left messages with the company Monday.

Sondra Tuchman, of Montville, told the newspaper she has to get out of her car, stand in front of the door and press the remote for the opener to work. She said an installation company told her she would have to pay about \$300 to change her system to another frequency.

The garage-door companies do not need to be licensed to use the frequency because the remote controls transmit at such low levels, Zendan said. But the homeland security needs for the signal take precedence, he said.

"Because garage door openers are unlicensed devices, they are not offered any protection from interference by licensed users in the same frequency band, and in fact are required by federal law to accept interference from licensed users," Zendan said. "Base commanding officers do not have the authority to change those systems, and unfortunately we cannot offer compensation to the unlicensed users."

Dave Osso, brand manager for The Genie Co., a Mt. Hope, Ohio, manufacturer of garage door opening systems, said the problem dates to the 1990s, when the military began using the same frequency used for door openers. The company sells dual-frequency openers that switch to a different frequency if interference is a factor, he said.

"For the most part, people over the years figured it out," Osso said. For decades, the military has held a portion of the radio spectrum, from 138 to 450 megahertz, in reserve. But that range came back into use after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

— From wire reports

WEATHER

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

SUNNY AND BEAUTIFUL

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Tuesday's weather

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Union County: 91/64
Wallowa County: na/na

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Year to date/Normal: 9.66/10.00

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Year to date/Normal: 6.06/6.34

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Month to date/Normal: 0.18/0.85
Year to date/Normal: 9.51/10.71
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TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
50 Clear	88/49 Sunny	87/48 Sunny	86/50 Mostly sunny	87/51 Mostly sunny

UNION COUNTY FORECAST

TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
53 Clear	84/53 Sunny	81/49 Sunny	84/49 Mostly sunny	86/51 Mostly sunny

WALLOWA COUNTY FORECAST

TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
47 Clear	82/47 Sunny	77/45 Sunny	80/44 Mostly sunny	82/46 Mostly sunny

Hottest Sunday

Nation: 118 in Death Valley, Calif.
Oregon: 100 in Ontario

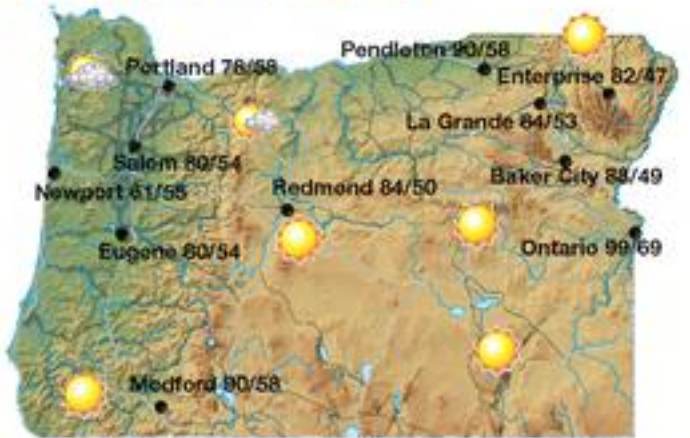
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Weather History

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Across the region

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 4 a.m.

	Hi	Lo	Prc		Hi	Lo	Prc
The Dalles	87	66	0	Salem	78	56	0
Joseph	86	54	0	Hermiston	92	65	0
Corvallis	77	49	0	Meacham	80	42	0
Newport	64	55	0	Pendleton	88	58	0
Portland	76	58	0	Redmond	87	43	0
				Pasco	93	66	0
				Walla Walla	91	65	0
				Baker City	88	53	0
				Ontario	100	72	0

Across the nation

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 5 a.m. Pacific time.

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Atlanta	94	71	0	pc	Boston	73	63	0
Billings	94	63	0	s	Chicago	85	69	0
Des Moines	96	73	0	pc	Denver	94	64	0.02
Detroit	86	68	0	pc	Honolulu	87	76	0.01
Indianapolis	91	69	0	pc	Houston	95	78	0
Kansas City	105	74	0.02	t	Las Vegas	103	86	0
Minneapolis	80	69	0.33	r	Los Angeles	71	62	0
New Orleans	94	79	0	pc	Miami	91	79	0
Anchorage	66	55	0	c	New York City	80	68	0.01
Boise	99	67	0	s	Phoenix	104	78	0.03
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AT A GLANCE

Troops, others get free tickets

LONDON (AP) — Troops, teachers and students are getting free tickets to fill prime seats that were empty at some Olympic venues on the first full day of competition.

Organizing chief Sebastian Coe answered widespread criticism Sunday by predicting that seats left unused, largely by Olympic and sports officials, will not be an issue as the games proceed.

"It is obvious, some of those seats are not being used in the early rounds," he said at a briefing.

He declined to blame Olympic sponsors, whom he had earlier promised to "name and shame" if they did not use their allocations. Sponsors, including Coca-Cola and Visa, defended their use of allotted tickets — 8 percent of the 8.8 million available tickets.

The issue is sensitive for Olympic organizers and British sports fans after hundreds of thousands of people failed to get tickets in an initial public ballot.

London police lose keys

LONDON (AP) — London police lost a set of keys at an Olympic venue last week — but security was not compromised by the incident, officials said Sunday.

Officers securing Wembley Stadium, an Olympic soccer venue in west London, reported Tuesday that a set of internal keys used on searches at the venue were missing, Scotland Yard said.

The force said that detectives failed to find the keys, but found no evidence of criminal offenses — suggesting that police probably misplaced the keys.

"There is absolutely no security concern in relation to the stadium as measures were taken immediately to secure all key areas of the venue," police said in a statement.

Organizers of the London Olympics stressed that relevant locks have been changed.

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Skeet shooting
Rhode grabs fifth Olympic medal, **C6**

Legends repeat as district champs



Observer file photo
Jordan Rogers had eight strikeouts in a 13-0 victory over Pendleton Friday.

PENDLETON — La Grande's Legacy Legends defeated Pendleton 13-0 Friday to repeat as the American Legion Zone 1 district champions.

The Legends rode a strong pitching performance by Jordan Rogers and got the sticks going to batter Pendleton.

After a scoreless first inning, Legacy put up eight runs in the bottom of the second inning, four in the third and one in the fourth.

Rogers, meanwhile, was dominate on the mound.

He pitched all five innings, striking out eight and allowing just

three hits.

"Jordan pitched well. They got a couple hits off of him in the first inning, but after that he settled down and threw a pretty good game," coach Brian Chamberlain said.

Legacy finished the game with 12 hits.

J.C. Rogers was two for three with a double, while Logan Lankford, Seth Madsen and Kaleb White added two hits each.

"We swung the bats well. I'm pretty proud of these kids," Chamberlain said.

Legacy will face Coos Bay at

6 p.m. Wednesday in the the state tournament opener in North Bend.

The Legends won the state tournament last year as the Subway A's.

Subway defeated Grants Pass 7-0 in the championship game of the American Legion state Class A tournament.

"I think that if our pitching holds up like its been doing and we swing the bats like we can, we have a legitimate shot," Chamberlain said of the team's chances at repeating as state champs.

"The kids are positive and excited to play."



Casey Kallas/The Observer
Marvel Murphy of Cheney, Wash., placed second in the barrel racing with a time of 17.51 at the 67th Chief Joseph Days rodeo this weekend.

Chief Joseph Days rodeo comes to close

JOSEPH — The 67th annual Chief Joseph Days rodeo came to a close Saturday night, wrapping up the 2012 Harley Tucker Rodeo Series.

This year barrel racer Pamela Capper won the Harley Tucker Rodeo Series award, given annually to the cowboy or cowgirl scoring the most points in a combination of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show in Union, the St. Paul Rodeo in St. Paul, the Elgin Stampede in Elgin and Chief Joseph Days.

The Cheney, Wash., cowgirl won the barrel racing with a time of 17.28, earning her \$2,020.93 in total-go money.

Marvel Murphy of Fallon, Nev., took second place with a time of 17.51. She made \$1,732.23 for her work.

Stanfield's Jodi Goodrich placed third at 17.56 seconds, earning herself a paycheck of \$1,443.52.

The bulls didn't play nice for most of the week, and no cowboy stayed on for eight seconds on Saturday night's performance.

At the end, Dylan Vick's score of 84 points was good enough for the title.

Vick, of Escalon, Calif., earned \$3,016.30 for first place.

Dakota Beck of Nesa, Wash., placed second with a score of 79 to make \$2,408.70, while Trenten Montero of Winnemucca, Nev., took third with a 68.

He made \$1,887.70 for his work.

In the bareback riding it was Steven Dent of Mullen, Nev., who came out on top. Dent spurred Road Rash for 83 points to make himself \$1,881.

Morgan Heaton of Paradise, Utah, came in second place with a score of 80 points on top of West Point Girl.

Heaton walked away with \$1,442.10.

Ryan Gray placed third with a score of 79. The Cheney cowboy rode Odds Maker for \$1,065.90.

Durkee's Levi Bunch rode to first place in the saddle bronc riding.

Bunch scored 78 points on the back of Broken Smile to earn \$1,881.

A pair of Arizona cowboys finished in second and third place.

Cooper DeWitt and Garrison DeWitt scored 77 and 76 points, respectively.

Cooper earned \$1,442.10 with his ride on Road Rage, while Garrison made \$1,065.90

after spurring Smooth Sailing.

Terrebonne's Shane Erickson had the fastest time of the week in the tie-down roping.

Erickson's time of 16 seconds on two head earned him \$1,912.76 in total money.

He won the first go-around with a time of 7.4 seconds.

Nate Baldwin of Blackfoot, Idaho and Roger Nonella of Klamath Falls, tied for second with a two-head total of 16.3 seconds.

They both earned \$1,418.08 for their tie-down effort.

In the steer wrestling it was Travis Taruscio's aggregate score of 9.1 seconds on two-head that won him first place.

Taruscio, a Stanfield cowboy, made \$1,157.10.

Adrian's Carl Seiders placed second with a total time of 9.3 seconds to earn \$957.60, while Tyler Mitchell of Napa, Calif., came in third with a time of 9.5 seconds.

But it was Justin Resseman of Colbert, Wash., who had the best run of the week.

Resseman posted a time of 3.9 seconds to win the second go-round to earn \$1,157.10.

Brandon Beers and Cully Stafford paired up to win the team roping.

Powell Butte's Beers and Prineville's Stafford had a total time of 12.4 seconds on two head to win \$1,506.43 in total money.

Terrebonne's Erickson and Brent Falon of Yakima, Wash., placed second with an aggregate time of 13 seconds.

The two cowboys earned \$1,129.82 for their work.

Jack Fischer of Ellensburg, Wash., and Ryan Powell of Caldwell, Idaho, placed third at 13.4 seconds for a payday of \$753.22.

Prineville's Charly Crawford teamed up with Jim Ross Cooper of Monument, N.M., for the fastest time of the week.

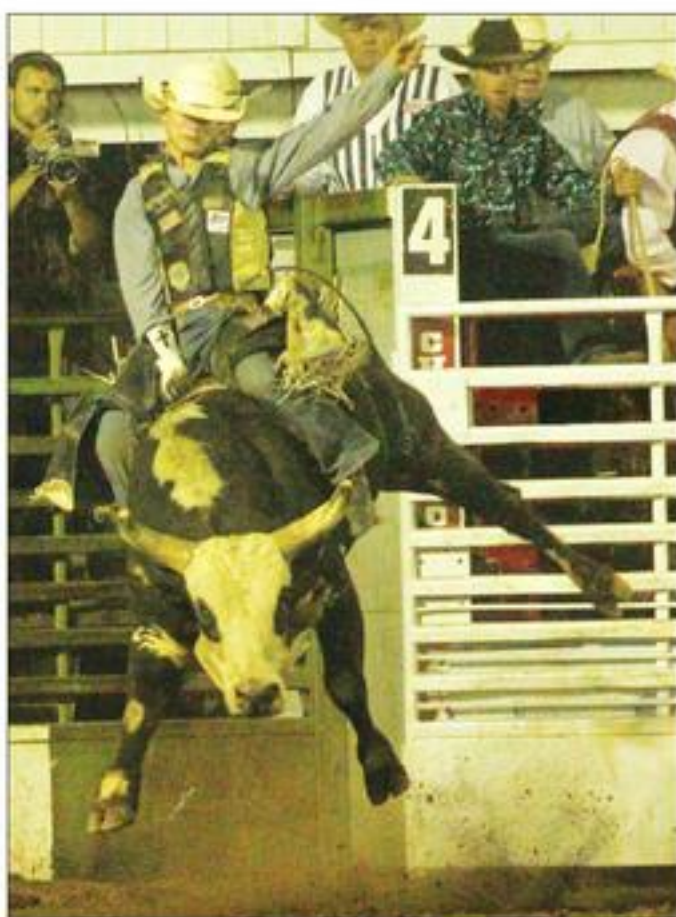
The two posted a time of five seconds to take the second go-round title.

Buck Weinrich of Mayerthorpe, Alberta, Canada, won the steer roping with a total time of 47.8.

He was the only cowboy to successfully rope two-head to earn \$836.

Erickson won the all-around title to earn an extra \$5,070.96.

Dent finished second (\$2,570.70), while Montero was third (\$1,538.30) in the all-around standings.



Casey Kallas/The Observer
Paul Coppini of Kuna, Idaho, was one victim Saturday night, as no cowboy made an eight-second ride in the bull riding.



Casey Kallas/The Observer
Brandon Beers and Cully Stafford combined for the team roping title, posting a two-head time of 12.4 seconds.



Casey Kallas/The Observer
Wallowa's Randy Baremore competed in the ranch bronc riding Saturday night at the Chief Joseph Days rodeo.



U.S. men rout France 98-71 in Olympic basketball opener

LONDON (AP) — The hiccups outnumbered the highlights, and for a while the U.S. racked up fouls faster than points.

The opener wasn't artistic. However, it was enough — easily enough.

Kevin Durant scored 22 points in his Olympic debut, Kevin Love added 14 and LeBron James had eight assists as the American men's basketball team overcame some sloppy moments with a 98-71 win Sunday over France.

"We know everybody else expects us to win by 40 points," said Carmelo Anthony. "For us, a win's a win. We expect every game to be like this one."

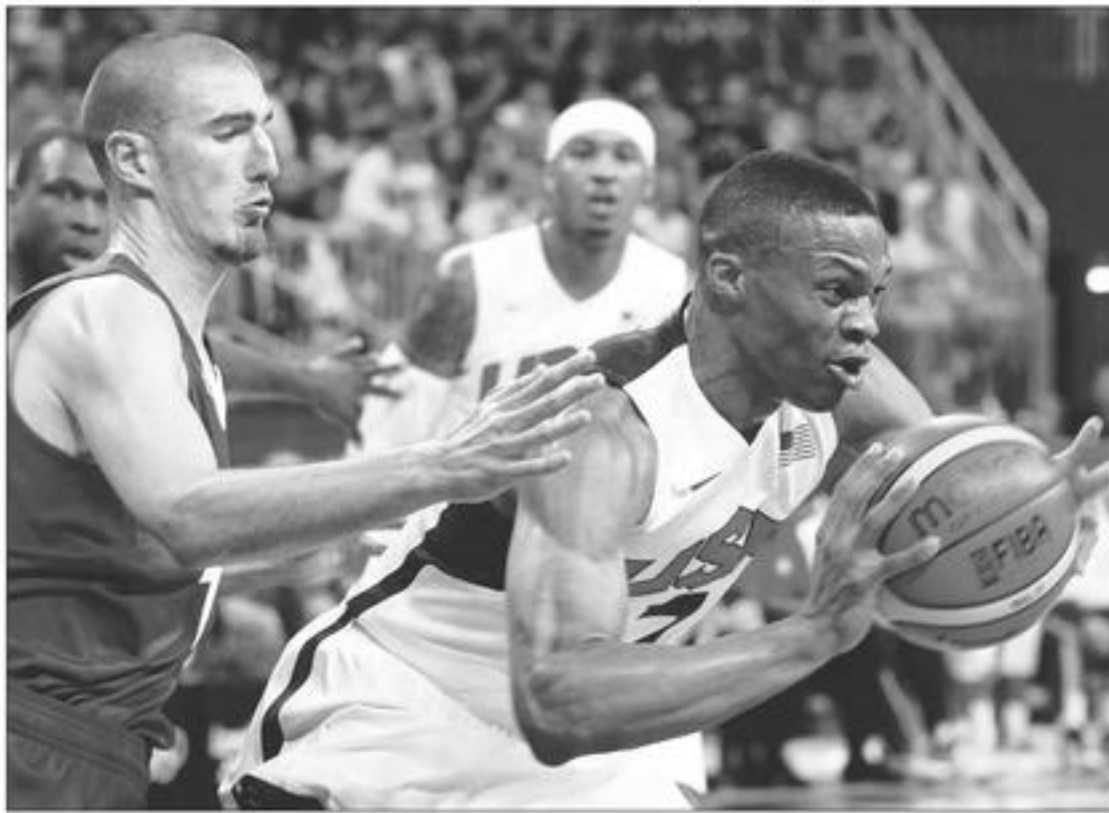
Seeking a second straight gold medal to match the redemptive one they captured in Beijing four years ago, the Americans expected a tough test from a French team featuring San Antonio guard Tony Parker and five other NBA players. And although the U.S. was never in real trouble — it only led 22-21 after one quarter — there were enough flaws (14 turnovers, 26 fouls) to keep coach Mike Krzyzewski and his staff busy and this superstar-laden squad from feeling too comfortable.

"It wasn't perfect," said James, who only took six shots while setting up his teammates.

"We've still got room for improvement. We had too many turnovers, too many fouls and we had a couple of defensive rebounds we could have come up with.

"But overall, we played a pretty good game for as close to 40 minutes as possible."

Kobe Bryant had said this team could beat the 1992 Dream Team that changed international hoops forever at the Barcelona Games. That matchup is mythical, but the London Games aren't and this U.S. team will have to play much better in upcoming games if it plans to



USA's Russel Westbrook (7) passes out of the paint, as France's Nando de Colo (12) defends in the first half at the Olympic Park Basketball Arena during the Summer Olympic Games in London Sunday.

maintain American dominance.

"We know we have to keep going for 40 minutes and play hard," said Bryant, who only played 12 minutes.

Afterward, Parker, who nearly missed these games after undergoing surgery for a freak eye injury, didn't want to concede anything to the Americans.

But when asked if the U.S. team can be beat, he took a contemplative pause before responding.

"They're going to be very, very tough to beat," Parker said.

At times, the Americans' offense was erratic.

The U.S. missed its first six 3-pointers and settled too quickly for jump shots instead of driving to the basket. But France wasn't able

to capitalize as the U.S. turned up its pressure on defense and forced 18 turnovers.

With first lady Michelle Obama on hand to cheer on the U.S., Durant, Anthony and Tyson Chandler added nine rebounds apiece for the Americans, who will next play Tuesday against Tunisia, beaten 60-56 by Nigeria in the tournament opener.

As they left the floor, the U.S. players stopped to hug Mrs. Obama, who can report back to her commander in chief husband that his favorite team has taken its first step toward gold.

Parker, playing with goggles to protect a surgically repaired left eye, scored 10 points but France fell to 0-5 in Olympic competition

against the USA. Ali Traore scored 12 points to lead France, which got few uncontested looks from the outside and missed 20 of 22 3-pointers.

"They pressured us from the start until the end," said France coach Vincent Collet.

With the U.S. leading 52-36 at halftime, Durant opened the second half with a 3-pointer, Bryant dropped one from long range and after James dunked an alley-oop pass from Deron Williams, the Americans led 64-43.

Au revoir, France.

The U.S. team's lead ballooned to 78-51 after three quarters, allowing Krzyzewski to rest Bryant, James and Durant for most of the fourth quarter.

With the game well in hand,

Krzyzewski even gave 19-year-old Anthony Davis, the top pick in June's NBA draft, his first taste of Olympic play.

Durant had struggled to score during a recent exhibition tour, prompting James to give his close friend and teammate a pep talk.

"I told K.D. to be himself," James said. "We need the K.D. who scores. We don't need the K.D. who defers."

Unlike his peers, Krzyzewski has the luxury of a deep bench and he was forced to go it early and often in the first half, when the Americans got into four trouble.

They were called for 18 personals and complained about some of the calls.

Anthony and Russell Westbrook spent the final six minutes of the second quarter on the bench after picking up their third fouls.

"There were a lot of calls that didn't seem right," Anthony said. "One time down the floor they called it this way and one time they called it that way."

Along with the questionable calls, the Americans took some curious shots early on, and when France's Yannick Bokolo drained a 3 in the final second of the first quarter, France was within 22-21.

Nicolas Batum, who plays for Portland, thought the U.S. might "panic."

But James opened the second quarter with a 3, the U.S. quickly went on an 11-0 run and by midway through the third, Bryant and Co. restored order.

As the U.S. reserves scored on dunk after dunk in the fourth, James and Bryant lounged on the bench.

They know there will be tougher games ahead.

The first one, though, was over. "We knew this game wasn't going to be easy," Durant said.

"We know even if we don't start well we can finish."

French swimmers get revenge for 2008 relay loss to United States

LONDON (AP) — Ryan Lochte grabbed at the edge of the pool, head down, staring at the water. Michael Phelps glared at the scoreboard, trying to digest the first silver medal of his Olympic career.

Right beside them, the French celebrated.

It was just like 2008 but with the roles reversed.

This time, it was France chasing down the United States — and Lochte, no less — to win another riveting relay at the Olympics.

"We got our revenge," French swimmer Clement Lefert said.

With Phelps looking much stronger than he did the night before, the Americans built a commanding lead over the first three legs of the 4x100-meter freestyle relay Sunday and never really had to worry about the defending world champions from Australia.

When Lochte dove into the water on the anchor leg, he was a half-body length ahead of the field and looking to add another gold to his dominating victory Saturday in the 400 individual medley.

Not so fast. Or, should we say, not fast enough.

Yannick Agnel, playing the chaser role that Jason Lezak did for the Americans four years ago in this same event, sliced through the water and was right on Lochte's shoulder as they made the flip at the far end of the pool. With about 25 meters to go, they were stroke for stroke. But Lochte, who had already competed in 1,200 meters

of racing over the first two days, simply didn't have enough left to hold off the towering, 20-year-old Frenchman, one of the sport's real rising stars.

"I gave everything in the last 50 until he cracked," Agnel said. Agnel touched in 3 minutes, 9.93 seconds, having gone exactly 1 second faster than Lochte over the last two laps. Lochte and the Americans dropped to silver in 3:10.38, while Australia — the favorite — didn't even get a medal. Russia took the bronze in 3:11.41, edging the team from Down Under by 0.22.

Phelps settled for his 17th career medal and completed his collection of Olympic colors, adding a silver to his 14 golds and two bronzes. He also moved a step closer to becoming the most decorated Olympian ever, just one away from tying the mark for most career medals held by Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina, and has five events to go.

"At least I'm in a medal today," Phelps said ruefully, referring to a fourth-place finish in his first race of the London Games.

But silver was a disappointment for the Americans, who know how the French felt four years ago.

France had the lead in Beijing and its best sprinter, Alain Bernard, going out on the final leg. But Lezak swam the fastest relay leg in history, drafting Bernard along the lane rope and beating him by a scant 0.08 seconds to keep Phelps on track for his record eight gold medals.

That was one of the greatest races in Olympic history. This one wasn't too shabby, either.

"I was just really excited and I think I overswam the first 50 and it hurt me for the last 50," Lochte said. "But we were able to get a medal, so I guess that's good."

Lochte's reaction was much different than the one he had the night before, when he finished more than 3 seconds ahead of the other medalists and more than 4 seconds ahead of Phelps in the 400 IM.

Even though Phelps got a medal this time, he didn't look much happier. He lingered at the edge of the pool right above Lochte, before going over to congratulate the French.

Phelps put up the fastest time among the American swimmers, covering the second 100 in 47.15 and showing he still intends to be a force at these games after his disappointing start. Nathan Adrian swam the leadoff leg in 47.89, going out faster than Australian star James Magnussen to give the U.S. an early lead.

Cullen Jones was solid, too, in the third spot (47.60).

Lochte was handed a lead of more than a half-second, but he couldn't hold it. Agnel covered the final leg in 46.74, while Lochte labored home in 47.74.

Agnel's anchor wasn't quite as spectacular as Lezak's 46.06 at Beijing, but the French had no complaints.

"It's magical, simply magical," Agnel said.



France's Clement Lefert, left, celebrates with France's Yannick Agnel after winning gold in the men's 4x100-meter freestyle relay final at the Aquatics Centre in the Olympic Park during the 2012 Summer Olympics in London on Sunday.



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World records falling at Olympic Aquatics Centre

LONDON (AP) — So much for all those dire predictions of records set during the high-tech bodysuit era standing for decades.

They're falling quickly at the Olympic Aquatics Centre in London.

American Dana Vollmer took down another record in the 100-meter butterfly Sunday night, then Cameron van der Burgh of South Africa beat another in the 100 breaststroke — denying Japan's Kosuke Kitajima an Olympic threepeat.

Not even through the second night of the London Games, three world records had already been set.

And they're just getting warmed up.

Camille Muffat of France also won gold in a riveting 400 free-style duel with American Allison Schmitt, the two virtually stroke for stroke the entire way. Muffat held on to win by about half a stroke with an Olympic-record time, while Schmitt settled for silver. Britain's Rebecca Adlington brought out the biggest cheer when she touched third — the home country's first swimming medal of the games.

On a night expected to feature a relay duel between the Australians and the Americans, Vollmer got things started with a bang. She was third at the turn but powered to the wall for a time of 55.98 seconds, beating the record of 56.06 set by Sweden's Sarah Sjöström at the 2009 world championships.



The USA's Dana Vollmer swims in the final of the women's 100m butterfly at the Aquatics Center during the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London Sunday. Vollmer won gold, and set a new world record in 55.98 seconds.

Not bad for someone who didn't even qualify for the last Olympics.

Vollmer dropped back her head when saw the time, then broke into a huge smile, slapped the water and pumped her fists.

"I'm on top of the world right now," she said. "I still know I can go faster."

Vollmer, who made the Olympics as a 16-year-old in 2004, was a huge disappointment when she failed to make the team in Beijing four years

ago. She was slowed by injuries and health problems, making her question whether she even wanted to continue competitive swimming.

But her injuries healed, and a change in diet gave her a new outlook. She came close to breaking Sjöström's record at the U.S. Olympic trials last month, and set an Olympic record in the semifinals to come in as the top qualifier.

Now, she's an Olympic champion. "I kept telling myself that my

strength is my second 50," Vollmer said. "I kept really calm."

Kitajima was trying to become the first male swimmer to win the same race at three straight Olympics. But, like Michael Phelps the night before in the 400 individual medley, the Japanese star didn't come close.

Van der Burgh made sure of that, dominating the race almost as soon as his head popped out of the water for the first time. He was comfort-

ably ahead at the turn and blew away the field on the return lap to touch in 58.46, knocking off another of the marks set at the 2009 world championships.

Brendan Rickard's time of 58.58 was among the astonishing 43 world records established at that meet in Rome, when rubberized suits took the sport to times that bordered on absurd. The suits have since been banned, with some predicting that it might take decades to go faster in textile suits.

Only two records fell at last year's worlds in Shanghai, but the Olympic meet has already beaten that number.

Australia's Christian Sprenger took the silver in 58.93, and American Brendan Hansen claimed bronze in 59.49, providing a bit of solace for past Olympic disappointments. Hansen was so disgusted with his performance in Beijing that he retired from the sport, saying he was totally burned out.

After giving triathlons a try, he returned to the pool and got back up to speed.

"That's as fast as I can go right now, and I'm really pleased with the outcome," Hansen said.

Kitajima didn't find the speed he needed, struggling home in fifth at 59.79. The night before, Phelps failed in his bid to win three straight 400 IM titles, fading to fourth while fellow American Ryan Lochte took gold with a dominating performance.

U.S. tops Russia, China in women's gymnastics qualifying

LONDON (AP) — This was not what the Americans expected.

Oh sure, being atop the standings in qualifying in women's gymnastics, that went according to plan. But world champion Jordyn Wieber, a heavy favorite to add the Olympic gold, won't even get to contend for the all-around title after finishing behind teammates Aly Raisman and Gabby Douglas. Countries are limited to two gymnasts in the all-around and event finals.

It was a stunner for Wieber, who had lost only two all-around competitions since 2008 — though both to fellow Americans — and it left her teammates reeling. "I was really surprised, and I feel awful because she wanted it so bad," said Raisman, Wieber's closest friend on the team and the one who knocked her out of the all-around. "But she should still feel proud because she's an Olympian. We have to stay calm and focused on team finals."

The 17-year-old Wieber was sobbing as she made her way through the mixed zone, so distraught she couldn't

speak to reporters. A quote attributed to her and distributed by the London Games' internal news agency said: "It is a bit of a disappointment. It has always been a dream of mine to compete in the all-around final of the Olympics."

The Americans finished with 181.863 points, even with a weak finish on floor exercise. That was enough to hold off Russia, which is 1.4 points behind after scoring 180.429. Defending Olympic champion China is a distant third with 176.637 points.

European champion Romania is still to come.

The team final is Tuesday. "That's what I told her, she's going to handle this with as much class as she handled the victories. Make no excuses," said John Geddert, the U.S. coach and Wieber's personal coach. "The job's not done yet. Team USA has got a big day on Tuesday."

The Americans have come into the last two Olympics as world champions, only to leave without gold. But this team is stronger, top to bottom, than the 2004 and even 2008 squads, and has a swag-

ger LeBron and his buddies would appreciate. That starts with Wieber, who is normally as steady and reliable as a metronome.

If anyone was going to avoid the 16-year curse of world champions going without Olympic gold, it was going to be her.

But she's appeared vulnerable these last few months while Raisman and Douglas have been on the rise.

Wieber stepped slightly out of bounds on vault, had a form break on a handstand on uneven bars and a few wobbles on balance beam. But it was floor exercise that really cost her. She got too much power on one of her tumbling passes and had to steady herself with a step back — and out of bounds. The deduction left her on the all-around bubble with Raisman, the world bronze medalist on floor, still waiting her turn.

Raisman needed less than a 15 to knock Wieber down to third place, and she got that easily — and then some. She gets such great height on her tumbling passes that you could park a Mini Cooper beneath her; and she lands

them with such pinpoint accuracy you want to check her feet for glue.

She finished with a score of 15.325, bumping out Wieber. Raisman is second in the all-around standings behind Russia's Viktoria Komova, with Douglas third.

How this will impact the squad could be an even bigger concern than any other country: The Americans are a tight-knit bunch — Wieber,

Raisman and McKayla Maroney talk or message each other every day — and such a shock to their traditional order has the potential to threaten that chemistry.

"We will deal with that. We will try to help her as much as possible," national team coordinator Martha Karolyi said. "I would be very disappointed, too. She is reigning world champion, also US champion. Today she wasn't

quite as sharp. She was very good but not quite as sharp and the other two girls surpassed her. So we will give her all the support. I think she gave a very nice effort, no major errors. What can you do? Sport is sport."

If they can regroup, the world champions showed they have the goods to win only their second Olympic title, and first since the Magnificent Seven in 1996.

N.Korea's Om wins lifting gold

LONDON (AP) — North Korea's Om Yun Chol said he wanted to lift a big weight and make the other athletes nervous.

He definitely nailed that strategy.

Om, standing all of 5 feet and 123 pounds, won a gold medal by confidently lifting an Olympic-record 370 pounds in the clean and jerk at the London Games.

Only a handful of people have lifted more than three times their body weight, and this one came out of nowhere.

Om was in the "B" group with lower-ranked competitors and lifted weights of 160 and 165 kilograms on his first two attempts early in the day.

Among the few lifters who have cleared three times their body weight are Halil Mutlu and Naim Suleymanoglu, also of Turkey.

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Angels fall to Tampa Bay in Greinke's debut

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Zack Greinke was outpitched by Jeremy Hellickson in his Los Angeles Angels' debut, losing to the Tampa Bay Rays 2-0 Sunday.

Obtained Friday from Milwaukee, the 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings and struck out eight.

Greinke (0-1), eligible for free agency after the season, was 9-3 with a 3.44 ERA in 21 starts with the Brewers.

Hellickson (6-6) pitched two-hit ball through six innings, striking out five and walking none.

Fernando Rodney got three outs for his 30th save in 31 attempts, tying Baltimore's Jim Johnson for the AL lead. With runners on first and second, Rodney fell behind Albert Pujols 3-0 in the count before inducing a game-ending, double-play grounder.

ORIOLES 6, ATHLETICS 1

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rookie Wei-Yin Chen struck out a career-high 12, Matt Wieters hit a three-run homer and the Baltimore Orioles beat Oakland to avoid a three-game sweep.

It was a rare setback for the A's, who fell to 18-4 this month.

Chen (9-6) allowed one unearned run, three hits and four walks in 5 2-3 innings against a torrid Oakland team that had scored 40 runs in its previous four games.

RANGERS 2, WHITE SOX 0

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Scott Feldman tied a career high by pitching eight shutout innings, and Texas snapped a two-game

skid with a victory over the Chicago White Sox.

David Murphy had three hits, including a double, and Josh Hamilton and Nelson Cruz each scored a run.

Feldman (5-6) gave up seven hits and retired eight of the last 10 batters he faced.

He threw only 88 pitches in matching the eight shutout innings he tossed two other times, the last being June 2, 2010, also against the White Sox in Chicago.

Joe Nathan pitched a scoreless ninth for his 21st save.

Gavin Floyd (8-9) gave up seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

TIGERS 4, BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO (AP) — Jhonny Peralta hit two home runs, Doug Fister pitched eight innings and the Detroit Tigers beat Toronto to avert a three-game sweep.

The Tigers had lost three in a row and four of five to fall out of the AL Central lead.

Peralta hit a three-run drive off Brett Cecil (2-4) in the second and added a solo shot against Joel Carreno in the ninth.

It was Peralta's first multihomer game of the season and seventh of his career.

Fister (5-7) allowed one run and seven hits. He struck out nine and matched his longest outing of the season.

TWINS 5, INDIANS 1

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Justin Morneau hit a two-run homer, Brian Duensing threw six smooth innings as a late fill-in for Francisco Liriano and the Minnesota Twins finished a three-game sweep of Cleveland.



Los Angeles Angels Zack Greinke pitches against the Tampa Bay Rays in Anaheim on Sunday.

Duensing (2-6) lost all four of his previous starts this year, but he needed only 70 pitches to finish six frames and yield to the bullpen after scattering five singles without a walk.

Ubaldo Jimenez (8-10) worked into the seventh and struck out six, but the Indians lost for the eighth time in their last 11 games.

MARINERS 7, ROYALS 6

SEATTLE (AP) — Felix Hernandez shook off a line drive to his left wrist and threw seven strong innings, and the Seattle Mariners beat Kansas City for a four-game sweep.

Seattle swept Kansas City in a four-game set for the first time

since May 2001.

Hernandez gave up just five hits and two runs but lost out on his sixth straight win when the Mariners' bullpen gave up three runs in the eighth.

Oliver Perez (1-2) got the win.

Tom Wilhelmson gave up a run in the ninth, but still finished his 14th save in 16 chances.

Medal favorite Spain eliminated from Olympics by Honduras

NEWCASTLE, England (AP) — It was always going to be tough for Spain's Olympic football team to live up to the lofty standards set by its senior national side.

No one thought they'd fall this short, though.

Spain was eliminated from the men's football tournament at the London Games on Sunday, losing 1-0 to Honduras for a second straight defeat that left it with no chance of advancing from the group stage.

Having been spoiled with success at almost every age level in football lately, Spain entered the games as one of the favorites and looking to add the Olympic title to its World Cup and European Championship trophies.

So far, they haven't even scored a goal, losing 1-0 to Japan in their opener.

Against Honduras at St. James' Park, Spain fell behind in the seventh minute and could never recover.

"The team was tense from the beginning because they knew that they had to score to qualify for the next round," coach Luis Milla said. "And the early goal made it harder."

Forward Jerry Bengtson scored for Honduras after a counterattack down the left side.

Andy Najar passed to



Spain's Iker Muniain, right, vies for the ball with Honduras' Alfredo Mejia during the group D men's soccer match at St. James' Park, in Newcastle, England Sunday.

fellow midfielder Roger Espinoza, who fired in a cross as Bengtson cut inside. The striker jumped over a defender to power in a header past Spain goalkeeper David De Gea.

Spain's players uncharacteristically lost their cool after that, as the intensity

and aggression picked up throughout the game.

Spain picked up seven yellow cards and Honduras six.

When the halftime whistle was blown, one of Spain's substitutes sparked a scuffle with Honduras players that spilled into the tunnel.

Milla acknowledged that

the team may have been daunted by the task of trying living up to the high expectations.

"Yes, it's possible that the pressure was there, but they are players who play at the highest level," Milla said.

"The coaching staff has to analyze what led to the elimi-

nation. We have to find out what happened."

Spain pressured throughout much of the second half, but couldn't come closer than hitting the crossbar.

"The only thing that was missing was a goal," Milla said.

"We deserved to win the match."

As the second half wore on, forward Iker Muniain angrily accused Honduras goalkeeper Jose Mendoza of time-wasting.

Muniain, who was booked, had several chances to equalize.

So many times in fact, that when he didn't score, he started kicking the turf in frustration.

The attention of Spain's players then turned to the referee after they twice appealed for penalties late in the match.

"I don't want to speak about the referee, but I think Spain should have been awarded a penalty," Milla said.

The behavior of Spain's players started to irk the crowd of 26,523 and they started to chant for their

opponents.

"It's very nice that we heard the crowd supporting us and shouting 'Honduras, Honduras,'" Bengtson said. "We want to thank them and dedicate this win to them."

Honduras coach Luis Fernando Suarez admitted his team was lucky to come out of the match with all three points.

"Things went our way tonight, because Spain could have come back to tie or win the game," Suarez said. "We have to remain calm as we look to qualify; because the next match will be very hard."

The Central Americans are now in second place in Group D with four points and will next face leader Japan, which has six.

Few thought Honduras would make much of an impact at the tournament, but the country is starting to look like a dark horse.

"It was a tense second half," Bengtson said.

"They had lots of chances and we did well to keep calm when they were threatening. It was very hard work. We played so well to beat Spain."

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U.S. coach meets with goalie Hope Solo over Twitter rant

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — Hope Solo met with the coach and captains of the U.S. women's soccer team Sunday to discuss her latest outburst of candor, a Twitter rant that did no good for the image of the squad and distracted from preparations for the upcoming game against North Korea in the Olympic tournament.

Coach Pia Sundhage said Solo will not be disciplined for the series of tweets that criticized former U.S. player Brandi Chastain's commentary during the NBC broadcast of the Americans' 3-0 win over Colombia on Saturday.

"We had a conversation: If you

look at the women's national team, what do you want (people) to see? What do you want them to hear?" Sundhage told reporters at the team hotel. "And that's where we do have a choice — as players, coaches, staff, the way we respond to certain things."

Solo rattled off four tweets following Saturday's game, upset over Chastain's criticisms of the team's defensive play.

"It's 2 bad we cant have commentators who better represents the team & knows more about the game," tweeted Solo. She also told Chastain to "lay off commenting about defending" and goalkeep-

ing "until you get more educated" and "the game has changed from a decade ago."

Those are hardly the type of positive comments the naturally upbeat Sundhage likes to hear, especially in the middle of one of the sport's biggest showcases.

"On the field, it's OK to make a mistake. There's no such thing as a perfect game," Sundhage said. "And sometimes you make a mistake outside the field as well. Myself as well. I've regretted that I've said that or whatever, but at the end of the day if you have good teammates and recognize it and say something that we are proud of, then it is easier to

prepare for the next game — because it's all about the next game."

The meeting with Solo took place after the team arrived in Manchester, where the Americans (2-0) will play the North Koreans on Tuesday in a game that will determine pairings for the quarterfinals. Co-captain Abby Wambach said the meeting lasted about five minutes.

The team said Solo will be available for comment Monday, following a walkthrough at Old Trafford. She did take to Twitter again on Sunday, however, to respond to a reporter's tweet that she wouldn't be disciplined.

"Discipline? Ha! For what! Never

even a topic! We talked about our team deserving the best!" she tweeted.

Chastain, one of the most accomplished players in U.S. team history, refused to be drawn into the fray.

"I'm here to do my job, which is to be an honest and objective journalist at the Olympics, nothing more than that," said Chastain, who earned 192 caps from 1988-2004 and is best known for scoring the decisive penalty kick in the World Cup final in 1999.

Wambach said the meeting focused on the goal of maintaining a "bubble" around the team during the Olympics.

SCOREBOARD

MLB				NATIONAL LEAGUE				EASTERN CONFERENCE							
AMERICAN LEAGUE				West Division				West Division							
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GF	GA			
New York	60	41	594	—	Washington	61	49	554	—	Houston	11	6	30	32	
Baltimore	53	49	520	8	Atlanta	57	48	564	4	Sporting Kansas City	11	7	37	25	
Tampa Bay	52	49	520	8	New York	49	53	480	17½	DC	10	7	33	24	
Toronto	51	50	505	9½	Miami	47	54	465	14	Chicago	9	7	52	25	
Boston	51	51	500	9½	Philadelphia	45	52	441	16½	Colorado	8	7	4	26	30
				Central Division				Central Division							
Chicago	55	40	545	—	Cincinnati	61	43	604	—	Montreal	8	13	37	33	
Detroit	54	40	525	1½	Pittsburgh	58	43	524	3	Philadelphia	7	10	25	22	
Cleveland	50	52	490	5½	St. Louis	54	48	520	7½	New England	6	10	5	25	26
Minnesota	43	58	420	12	Milwaukee	45	56	445	16	Toronto FC	5	12	4	39	24
Kansas City	41	60	400	14	Chicago	42	58	420	18½	San Jose	13	5	5	44	45
				West Division				West Division							
Texas	59	41	590	—	Los Angeles	56	47	544	—	Chaos USA	7	8	5	26	14
Oakland	55	46	545	4½	Arizona	51	51	500	4½	Colorado	7	14	1	22	26
Los Angeles	55	47	530	5	San Diego	43	60	417	13	FC Dallas	5	11	7	22	25
Seattle	47	57	462	14	Colorado	37	63	370	17½	Portland	5	12	4	39	19

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Boston 0, N.Y. Yankees 6
Seattle 4, Kansas City 3
Oakland 0, Baltimore 1
Minnesota 10, Cleveland 5
Chicago/White Sox 5, Texas 2
Tampa Bay 3, L.A. Angels 0

Sunday's Games
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Baltimore 6, Oakland 1
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Texas 2, Chicago/White Sox 0
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L.A. Dodgers 30, San Francisco 0
Pittsburgh 4, Houston 3
Atlanta 2, Philadelphia 1
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Washington 4, Milwaukee 1
Cincinnati 0, Colorado 7
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Argentina rolls past Lithuania

LONDON (AP) — Those Argentina legs still looked young while running past Lithuania.

Luis Scola scored 32 points, Manu Ginobili had 21 points, 10 rebounds and six assists a day after turning 35, and Argentina opened the Olympic men's basketball tournament with a 102-79 victory on Sunday night.

Playing poorly by their standards during exhibition play and considered too old by many others to be viewed as a top medal threat anymore, the Argentines denied wanting to use their opener to send any kind of message.

"I think the message is that we are old but we can play, something like that," said Scola, now with the Phoenix Suns.

"We didn't want to show nothing to nobody. We weren't playing well in the preparation.

"We weren't feeling well, we got this feeling that it's not going well, we need to do something, we've got to play better, we've got to move faster, we've got to have a little bit more of a spark, so we needed to have this game."

Carlos Delfino finished with 20 points for the Argentines in a rematch of their 87-75 victory over Lithuania in the bronze-medal game four years ago in Beijing.

It was an impressive start for the 2004 gold medalists, who have faced questions if the run is over for the "Golden Generation" that has been an international power for the last decade.

That certainly seemed the case two years ago in the quarterfinals of the

World Championship, when Lithuania rolled by Argentina in a 104-85 victory. Lithuania hit nine of its first 11 3-pointers and sent Argentina to its earliest exit at a major tournament since 2000.

"We remembered the game in Turkey, quarterfinal in Turkey that day, first quarter they killed us," said 35-year-old, New York Knicks-bound point guard Pablo Prigioni. "So we have that game in our head and we go on the court thinking that that cannot happen."

But Ginobili didn't play in that tournament and having him back now gives Argentina the inside-out tandem of Scola and Ginobili that has combined for so many international victories.

Scola and other several other key players are in their 30s, though looked in top condition while breaking open the game over the middle two quarters and even occasionally — though not often — managing to somewhat quiet the cheering, chanting Lithuania crowd that began making noise even before the previous game at the Basketball Arena was over.

"I felt very good," said Ginobili, set to face San Antonio Spurs teammate Tony Parker of France on Tuesday.

"Of course the adrenaline at the beginning of an Olympic games kind of makes you forget everything, the aches, the pain and age. So felt very energetic, very proud of my teammates. It was a wonderful game."

Linus Kleiza, who plays with the Toronto Raptors, scored 20 for Lithuania.

OLYMPICS

Boxing
Men
Round of 32
Wilmington Amador Norberto, Dominican Republic, def. Edgar Marcano Carpio, Colombia, 17-0
Ahmed Hegazy, Tunisia, def. Shafiq Chahou, Benin, 30-0
Felix Verdejo Sanchez, Puerto Rico, def. Juan Huertas Garcia, Panama, 11-0
Gao Zhilun, Kazakhstan, def. Saydon Andon, Thailand, 12-0
Jai Bhagavan, India, def. Andrius Alijevas, Seychelles, 10-0
Lu Qing, China, def. Luis Jackson, Australia, 20-7
Josh Taylor, Britain, def. Roberto Gonzalez, Brazil, 13-0
Evkane Petrasavicius, Lithuania, def. Niklas Varga, Hungary, 20-12
Fath Kech, Turkey, def. Abdelkader Cheik, Algeria, 16-0
Fadihin Galbraith, Uzbekistan, def. Theodor Miroslav Radon, Croatia, 11-0
Jose Ramirez, Austral. Calif., def. Rashed Al-Nadawi, France, 21-20
Han Seung-ho, South Korea, def. Mohamed Elmor, Egypt, 11-0

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Round of 32
Vasili Belousov, Moldova, def. Seleman Kibanda, Tanzania, 20-7
Tsvetan Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Yusef Al-Murad, Morocco, 17-4
Alexandre Vachon, France, def. Patrick Vajcski, Germany, 16-12
Cedric Clayton, Canada, def. Oscar Molina Castillo, Mexico, 12-0
Cameron Hammond, Australia, def. Moustapha Abdolrhman Hige, Niger, 13-0
Freddy Evans, Britain, def. Ryan Alibek, Algeria, 10-10
Enel Spencer, Dallas, def. Myko Ribeiro de Carvalho, Brazil, 16-10
Adnan Hidar, Ireland, def. Carlos Sanchez Estacio, Ecuador, 14-0
Andrey Zarkov, Russia, def. Mar Mathewman Gong, China, 16-11
Siphiso Langa, South Africa, def. Ahmed Abdulkarim Almorad, Iraq, 17-13
Gabriel Mancera Flores, Venezuela, def. Amin Ghannem Four, Iraq, 15-0
Yoshitaka Suzuki, Japan, def. Mehdi Khalil, Morocco, 14-12

Men
Second Round
Dong Wang, Turkey, def. Ousainou Ansara, Nigeria, 6-11, 10-12, 12-10, 11-2, 12-10, 12-10
William Harrell, Australia, def. Juan Montiel, Portugal, 2-1, 11-0, 11-0, 11-0, 6-11, 12-10
Alamy Senezo, Russia, def. Martin Duran, Latvia, 11-5, 11-5, 11-0, 11-0
Hak Bong Kim, North Korea, def. Soumyajit Ghosh, India, 9-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-0, 11-7
Paul Donnell, Britain, def. Zeng Wang, Singapore, 11-2, 11-2, 11-0, 4-11, 11-0
Wojciech Chot, Austria, def. Otkovskii Dzhah, Ukraine, 11-2, 11-5, 11-0, 11-7
Kalirako Kwana, Germany, def. Jean-Michel Saux, Belgium, 5-11, 11-3, 11-0, 11-2, 11-0
El-Sayed Lashin, Egypt, def. Zoran Petrovic, Croatia, 10-11, 9-11, 12-10, 5-11, 10-12, 11-0, 11-0
Nishad Alamyran, Iran, def. Peng Tang, Hong Kong, 11-0, 11-5, 7-11, 11-0, 9-11, 5-11, 12-10
Zhenan He, Spain, def. Zeng Wang, Poland, 6-11, 9-11, 7-11, 11-0, 11-2, 11-5, 11-4
Andry Gaona, Croatia, def. Jorgen Petross, Sweden, 11-5, 11-0, 11-2, 11-4
Daniel Zorzi, Hungary, def. Aleksandar Krulic, Serbia, 12-10, 12-10, 12-10, 11-0, 11-7
Marco Ferraro, Portugal, def. Ju Lin, Dominican Republic, 11-6, 11-5, 12-10, 11-3
Pavelo Garcia, Greece, def. Omer Arai, Egypt, 11-5, 11-0, 11-2, 11-0
Egami Eiko, Slovenia, def. Song Lu, Argentina, 11-0, 7-11, 11-2, 11-0, 11-0, 9-11, 11-0
Wolner Schlegel, Austria, def. Milar Bibocica, Italy, 10-12, 11-0, 5-11, 11-0, 14-12, 12-10

Women
Second Round
Anna Tikhonova, Russia, def. Viorica Iar, Italy, 6-11, 11-0, 11-0, 12-10, 11-0, 12-10
Xiao Li, France, def. Jan Fang Lay, Australia, 11-7, 11-11, 7-11, 11-3, 9-11, 9-11, 11-0
Qiangling Li, Austria, def. Mo Zhang, Canada, 11-0, 9-11, 11-2, 11-0, 11-0
Kristin Silbereisen, Germany, def. Joanne Parker, Britain, 11-6, 11-2, 7-11, 11-2, 11-0
Yi Wang, France, def. Myung Sun Park, North Korea, 11-0, 11-6, 9-11, 11-0, 8-11, 11-0
Elizabeta Senezo, Romania, def. Dina Mostafid, Egypt, 7-11, 11-2, 11-11, 11-0, 11-0
Georgina Pata, Hungary, def. Han Tan, Croatia, 11-3, 11-4, 11-2, 12-10, 11-2
And Heng, San Jose, Calif., def. Xu Lan H, Luxembourg, 11-0, 10-12, 11-0, 11-0, 10-12, 12-10

Men
Third Round
Deng Ning (1), China, def. Daniela Deduan, Romania, 11-4, 11-3, 11-0, 11-6
Hugin Jiang (10), Hong Kong, def. Jong Kim, North Korea, 11-5, 11-0, 7-11, 11-5, 11-11, 11-7
Ju Li (16), Netherlands, def. Tazuka Peniya, Poland, 11-3, 6-11, 10-14, 11-7, 11-7, 11-7
A-Fukuhara (2), Japan, def. Anna Tikhonova, Russia, 11-2, 11-0, 11-0, 11-3
Tansu Feng (8), Singapore, def. Chen Sze Yu, Taiwan, 11-6, 11-3, 11-3, 12-10, 11-0
Judo/Va (8), Germany, def. Senta Vucenec, Czech Republic, 11-0, 11-5, 11-3, 9-11, 11-0, 9-11, 11-5
Yanke Shen (8), Spain, def. Xiao Li, France, 11-5, 11-2, 11-0, 11-3
Kim Kyung-Gil, South Korea, def. Ju Lin, Austria, 11-0, 9-11, 11-4, 11-0, 11-0
Kazuo Ishikawa (4), Japan, def. Qiangling Li, Austria, 11-3, 10-12, 11-2, 12-10, 11-0, 11-5
Qian Li (16), Poland, def. Huang Yifan, Taiwan, 11-2, 11-0, 11-6, 11-3
Victoria Piskovsk (13), Belarus, def. Kristin Silbereisen, Germany, 12-10, 11-3, 9-11, 11-11, 11-11, 11-4, 11-7
Yueqi Wang (8), Singapore, def. Yi Wang, France, 11-0, 11-0, 11-6, 11-4
Dokobata Saneza, Romania, def. Yara Tu (2), Hong Kong, 11-0, 11-0, 11-0, 6-11, 5-11, 11-0
Ju Li (12), Netherlands, def. Magyretta Piszotzka, Ukraine, 11-3, 11-0, 11-4, 11-4
Park Myung (8), South Korea, def. Georgina Pata, Hungary, 3-11, 11-0, 11-0, 11-0
Li Xuesi (2), China, def. And Heng, San Jose, Calif., 11-4, 9-11, 11-6, 6-11, 11-0, 11-0

Women
Third Round
Ding Ning (1), China, def. Daniela Deduan, Romania, 11-4, 11-3, 11-0, 11-6
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Men
Quarterfinals
1. Jordan Verbeke, Del/Vit, Mich., 14,000 IQ2
2. Catalina Ponor, Romania, 14,000 IQ2
3. Alya Mostafina, Russia, 14,433 IQ2
4. Elizabeth Simion, Britain, 14,433 IQ2
5. Daria Maria Chelusa, Romania, 14,333 IQ2
6. Maria Pihon-Sakana, Poland, 14,333 IQ2
7. Aika Sato, Japan, 14,233 IQ2
8. Doreenja Pegg, Canada, 14,233 IQ2
9. Elizabeth Black, Canada, 14,233 IQ2
10. Ashleigh Breen, Australia, 14,200 IQ2
11. Doreenja Ponor, Romania, 14,186 IQ2
12. Ana Maria Ciurtes, Spain, 14,133 IQ2
13. Jennifer Pridem, Britain, 14,100 IQ2
14. Victoria Moore, Canada, 14,100 IQ2
15. Anastasia Grishina, Russia, 14,066 IQ2
16. Enka Fasana, Italy, 14,033 IQ2
17. Rebecca Ferry, Britain, 14,000 IQ2
18. Ana Sofia Gonzalez Pizar, Guatemala, 14,000 IQ2
19. Hannah Whelan, Britain, 13,933 IQ2
20. Catalina Ponor, Romania, 13,900 IQ2
21. Jessica Lopez, Venezuela, 13,900 IQ2
22. Victoria Korovina, Russia, 13,900 IQ2
23. Dong Lin, China, 13,833 IQ2
24. Kristina Vackic, Canada, 13,800 IQ2
25. Elizabeth Scola, Germany, 13,800 IQ2
26. Larisa Andreeva-Sorodko, Virginia Beach, Va., 13,800 IQ2
27. Kyla Fong, Also-Viejo, Calif., 13,733 IQ2
28. Elva Garcia Rodriguez, Blanes, Mexico, 13,733 IQ2
29. Yoko Shimizu, Japan, 13,633 IQ2
30. Kim Bin, Germany, 13,600 IQ2
31. Huang Qianhong, China, 13,525 IQ2
32. Anne Kofas, France, 13,5

LONDON OLYMPICS



Ariel Hsing of the United States reacts against Li Xiaoxia of China during their women's table tennis match at the Olympics Sunday.

AP photos



Sixteen-year old Ariel Hsing of California battles against Olympic favorite Li Xiaoxia of China before losing a tough six-game match.

American teen nearly upsets Olympic favorite

LONDON (AP) — American 16-year-old Ariel Hsing certainly impressed her friend Bill Gates — she calls him “Uncle Bill” — who slipped into the venue at the ExCel arena almost unnoticed to watch her in the third round of Olympic table tennis.

With Gates sitting in the bleachers on Sunday wearing a peach sweater and blue baseball cap, Hsing nearly pulled off one of the biggest upsets in Olympic table tennis history, pushing one of the gold-medal favorites in women's singles — China's Li Xiaoxia — to

the limit before losing the best-of-seven match in six tight games — 11-4, 9-11, 11-6, 6-11, 11-8, 11-9.

“Nothing short of phenomenal,” Gates said, posing for photos afterward with the young Californian. “She is amazing.”

Gates got to know Hsing through fellow billionaire Warren Buffett, who met her at his 75th birthday party — when she was 9 — and invited her several years later to show off her skills at shareholders meetings.

Asked if he'd ever won a point against Hsing, Gates replied: “If

I get any points, it's only because she lets me. I did get one with an illegal serve.” Of course, she has also warmed to Buffett, calling him “Uncle Warren.”

Buffett had said before he would not be able to attend, but chances are he was watching on television — and cheering.

The high-pressure match before a sellout crowd of 6,000 — many chanting U-S-A and others screaming China, China in reply — suddenly established the San Jose, Calif., high school student as one of the world's top players.



Kimberly Rhode reacts after firing her final shot in the women's skeet and securing the gold medal, at the 2012 Summer Olympics, Sunday in London.

Rhode's drive for five has golden ending

LONDON (AP) — Step aside, Carl Lewis. You, too, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Al Oerter.

Meet Kimberly Rhode, the first American with individual medals in five straight Olympics, after a golden, record-setting, nearly perfect performance.

Rhode won the women's skeet shooting Sunday, tying a world record and setting the Olympic mark with 99 points — meaning she missed once in 100 shots. She was eight targets better than silver medalist Wei Ning of China and nine better than Slovakia's Danka Bartekova, who topped Russia's Marina Belikova in a shootout for the bronze.

Rhode won in double trap at Atlanta as a teenager in 1996, took bronze in that event four years later at Sydney, reclaimed the gold at Athens in 2004 and won the silver in skeet at Beijing.

Now, golden again.

“It's just been an incredible journey,” said Rhode, strands of glitter mixed with her blonde hair. “And ultimately, I couldn't be happier for bringing home the gold for the United States.”

Lewis, Oerter, Joyner-Kersey and Bruce Baumgartner are the other Americans recognized as individual medal-winners in four straight Summer Olympics. Rhode's at five now, and at 33 years old, she's not planning to stop anytime soon.

“I would like to learn from her,” said Wei, the silver medalist, looking at Rhode and smiling.

Rhode becomes the eighth U.S. woman with at least five individual Olympic medals — speedskater Bonnie Blair and Joyner-Kersey each have six, while Shirley Babashoff, Janet

Evans, Shannon Miller, Amanda Beard and Natalie Coughlin also have five.

Pretty good company, by any measure.

“No one has ever shot 100 in this style of shooting,” said Bartekova, who has a 99 in competition. “With Kim shooting like this, it's not going to take a long time.”

Rhode was a perfect 25-for-25 in each of the first two qualifying sessions, then ran her streak to 65 straight hits before her lone misfire.

Several people who braved a chilly rain day at the Royal Artillery Barracks sighed in disbelief at the miss, which Rhode shrugged off with ease.

“I just missed,” she said.

She didn't miss again. The sun came out for the final round, which she entered with a four-target lead — that's a lot — and by the midway point of the medal competition everyone knew it was over.

All that was left to decide was whether she would tie the world mark of 99, and if she would hold back tears long enough to see the final few orange 4-inch clay targets whizzing about at 60 mph.

“It's been an overwhelming experience,” Rhode said. “Every emotion hits you at once.”

So did a slew of memories — some good, some not.

Rhode has dealt with her share of issues, like her gun being stolen after the Beijing Games (an anonymous donor provided a new one worth about \$20,000, and police eventually recovered the now-retired first one) and a cancer scare.

U.S. volleyballers spike Serbia in opener

LONDON (AP) — The defending champion U.S. men's volleyball team opened Olympic play Sunday by sweeping Serbia behind Matt Anderson's 18 points.

Captain Clay Stanley added 13 points in the 25-17, 25-22, 25-21 victory at Earls Court.

The Americans are not considered a favorite in London despite a silver-medal finish in the recent FIVB World League tournament. But they were formidable against Serbia, which won the Olympic gold in Sydney in 2000 and finished fifth in Beijing in 2008.

Marko Podrascanin had 13 points, including two aces, for the Serbians.

“It was a good match. We fought hard and

won in three straight, which is pretty much exactly what our game plan was to do,” Anderson said. “We wanted to serve tough and put a lot of pressure on them.”

Four years ago, the U.S. men went undefeated in Beijing, upsetting Brazil in the final. That team was coached by Hugh McCutcheon, whose father-in-law was stabbed to death at a Chinese tourist site just before the opening ceremony. The coach left the team for several matches to be with his family.

McCutcheon shifted to the U.S. women's team following Beijing, and Alan Knipe took a leave of absence as coach of Long Beach State to coach the men for London.

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